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NAPPC PRESENTS THE 2016 POLLINATOR ROADSIDE MANAGEMENT AWARD

San Francisco, August 31, 2016 –The 2016 North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC) Pollinator Roadside Management Award was presented at the National Roadside Vegetation Management Association's annual conference in Franklin, Tennessee. NAPPC is administered by the Pollinator Partnership (P2) and P2's Executive Director, Laurie Davies Adams, was present to acknowledge the awardees.



From left to right: John Reynolds (NRVMA), Chris Henze (Johnson County IRVM), Chris DeGrace (Georgia DOT) and Laurie Davies Adams (Pollinator Partnership).

The NAPPC Pollinator Roadside Management Award to recognize transportation agencies who are leading the field in pollinator-friendly roadside practices. By implementing pollinator-friendly roadside practices, roadside managers can play a significant role in boosting pollinator habitat nationwide, including habitat for the imperiled monarch butterfly. Nominations were reviewed by a distinguished selection committee comprised of Julie Zahniser (American Bee Project), Deirdre Remley (Federal Highways Administration), Neil Pedersen (Transportation Research Board), and Laurie Davies Adams (Pollinator Partnership). 2017 nominations are now being accepted; visit <http://www.pollinator.org/roadsides> for more information and the nomination form.

The Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) received first place. In the past 14 years, Georgia DOT has planted approximately 2,700 acres of roadside wildflowers statewide utilizing proceeds from the sales of wildflower-themed vehicle license plates.

Johnson County Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (IRVM) received second place. Johnson County IRVM has planted over 350 acres of high quality pollinator habitat over the last 25 years. Additionally, Johnson County IRVM has implemented mowing and pesticide use policies that incorporate the needs of pollinators.

The Ohio Department of Transportation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Leavenworth Fish Hatchery both received honorable mention for their efforts and emerging pollinator programs.

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ABOUT THE POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP (P2)

Established in 1997, the Pollinator Partnership is the largest 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to the health, protection, and conservation of all pollinating animals. P2's actions for pollinators include education, conservation, restoration, policy, and research. P2's financial support comes through grants, gifts, memberships and donations from any interested party. P2's policies are science-based, set by its board of directors, and never influenced by any donor. For more information please visit www.pollinator.org.