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Pollinators, Habitat, and Identification in Urban Ecosystems by MaLisa Spring
A Presentation of the Bikes, Bees & Butterflies Project

In partnership with Sustainable Cleveland Conversations,  is pleased to announce MaLisa Spring's lecture "Pollinators, Habitat, and Identification in Urban Ecosystems". On August 14th from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm at the Sustainable Cleveland Center, MaLisa will introduce types of habitats and highlight the vital role of pollinators in urban areas. She will touch upon practical methods that the average gardener can do to support their local pollinator population.

As an undergraduate, MaLisa Spring conducted a research project on bee diversity and pollen loads in Washington County, OH. She identified over 2,700 bees representing over 130 species. As a Graduate at Ohio State University, is now focusing her attention to Cleveland by studying pollinator diversity and prevalence in rain gardens versus vacant lots as part of a collaborative project with the EPA.

The Sustainable Cleveland Center, located in Tower City, is the physical home of Sustainable Cleveland 2019. Forest City Enterprises has dedicated a portion of this iconic center to serve as a gathering place for the sustainability community and a resource for the general public. This is a place where businesses of all types and sizes, government agencies, academia and students, community organizers and nonprofit organizations, and many others come together to connect, collaborate and innovate.

Join us in learning about what we can do help pollinators and keep our community beautiful! To register, call Stephanie Clements, Project Specialist at (216) 321-5935 or email sclements720@gmail.com. At its core, Bikes, Bees & Butterflies believes in promoting awareness about urban sustainability by creating pollinator habitats in Cleveland.

We appreciate the collaboration and generous support from the following partners:

Donna and Stewart Kohl, The Greater Cleveland RTA, Bremec on the Heights, Brickman, Shaker Square, Heights Arts, Bay Arts, Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District, Eddy's Bike Shop, Bike Authority, Bike Cleveland, Cleveland Botanical Garden, Cleveland Metroparks, the Children's Museum of Cleveland, the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, LAND studio, Art House, the Galleria, SPACES, Gordon Square Arts District, Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization, Sustainability 2019, City Rising Farm, Ohio City Inc., Forest City Enterprises, Spice Kitchen & Bar, Harness Cycle, Rustbelt Welding

Bikes will be placed at the following locations:

- BAYarts
- Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization
- J. Pistone Market
- Tower City
- Galleria at Erie View
- Greater Cleveland RTA E. 55th Station
- Slavic Village Learning Farm
- Cleveland Botanical Garden
- The Children's Museum of Cleveland
- Heights Arts Mini Park
- Shaker Square
- The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes

For more information, visit <https://tackk.com/board/@BikesBeesButterflies> or find us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/bikesbeesandbutterflies?ref=hl>.



About Ann Cicarella Landscape Design

Ann Cicarella, principal of Ann Cicarella Landscape Design LLC, is a nationally recognized landscape designer with 25 years' experience in the field. Ann's passion for urban sustainability, fostering healthy habitats for pollinators and people, creating beautiful gardens; and bicycling inspired the Bikes, Bees and Butterflies initiative.

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