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NEWS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO: LOCAL AREA MEDIA
FROM: ONEIDA COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
RE: KICK-OFF EVENTS FOR POLLINATOR WEEK

The Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department and the Three Lakes Natural Resource Committee invite you to join them for some event tours on Monday, June 16, 2025 to kick-off this year's Pollinator Week (June 16-22, 2025).

The first event of the day will be a tour of native plants at Hanson's Garden Village at 2660 County Hwy G in Rhineland at 11:00 a.m. You can take a tour of all the native plants through the village, visit some information booths and get answers to any questions you may have during the Q & A. This event is sponsored by the Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department.

Then tour some inspiring Native Wildflower Plantings in Three Lakes. At 2:30 p.m. at the **Three Lakes Center for the Arts Pollinator Garden** located 1760 Superior St, Three Lakes, is a beautiful example of what can be done to support pollinators in an urban retail setting with just a small amount of land available. An added bonus is the beauty and appeal the Garden contributes to the setting. Established in 2018, the Garden shows several slowly maturing flowers now fully established.

Continue your kick-off events tour at 3:45 p.m. at the **Healing Nature Center Bee Lawn and Native Wildflower Labyrinth** located at 7126 Military Rd, Three Lakes. Here see a demonstration of how pollinator-friendly plantings can serve a dual purpose. There is a Labyrinth whose pathways are delineated with a variety of multicolored native wildflowers. On the same property are two

demonstration Bee Lawn plots, comprised of short-standing flowers and grasses that do not require mowing, and they are as durable as a regular lawn.

Finish off your tour day by visiting the **James Lake Cranberry Bog Prairie Restoration site** at 5:00 p.m. at 1075 South Big Lake Loop in Three Lakes. There is hope for old, spent farmland, and this restoration project proves it. Here an initial seeding, augmented by supplemental plantings over the past few years, is starting to show what our Northern Prairies once looked like, and what is possible for large tracts of unused and often abused land that is begging to be renewed.

There is no registration required for any of the tour events planned to introduce 2025 Pollinator Week, just come and enjoy. For additional information contact the Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department at 715-369-7835 or visit our website at <https://www.oclw.org/events--trainings.html>.

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