



February 15, 2017

Representative Cale P. Keable Representative John G. Edwards Rhode Island State House 82 Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

Re: Pollinator Working Group Initial Report and Recommendations

Honorable Representatives Keable and Edwards:

On behalf of The Pollinator Working Group, we are pleased to provide you with our enclosed initial report and supporting documents. This is in response to the 2016 House Resolution requesting the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) convene a working group to make findings and recommendations with regard to maintaining, protecting and enhancing pollinator habitat and health in Rhode Island.

Pollinator health is a critical issue for Rhode Island, and we are pleased to share the groups initial recommendations with you. We look forward to working with the legislature and RI DEM on implementing strategies to protect pollinators. The Pollinator Working Group will continue to partner with RI DEM in the months ahead.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Rhode Island. Please let us know if you have questions about this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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