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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Mayor & Council

**FROM:** City Manager David A. Milliron

**DATE:** February 18, 2019

**RE:** Proposed Pollinator Park

Please find attached a proposal from the Hogansville Regional Arts Association (HRAA) for a Pollinator Park to be installed on the city-owned triangle at the intersection of Johnson Street, East Main Street, and High Street. The HRAA has requested the opportunity to make a formal proposal before the City Council.

What is a pollinators park? It is a green space park full of beautiful flowers and plants that attract certain insects and birds. Bees, beetles, butterflies and other insects fly through leaves and petals taking pollen from one plant to the next and pollinating the plants throughout the park. The goal is to attract as many hummingbirds as possible.

## Proposed Pollinator Park

Presentation to the Hogansville City Council  
March 4, 2019

The Hogansville Regional Arts Association (HRAA) proposes to install a Pollinator Park in downtown Hogansville. The site is a small triangle of grass located at the junction of Johnson Street, East Main and High Street, adjacent to Calvin Hipp Memorial Park. It measures 83' x 72' x 50'.



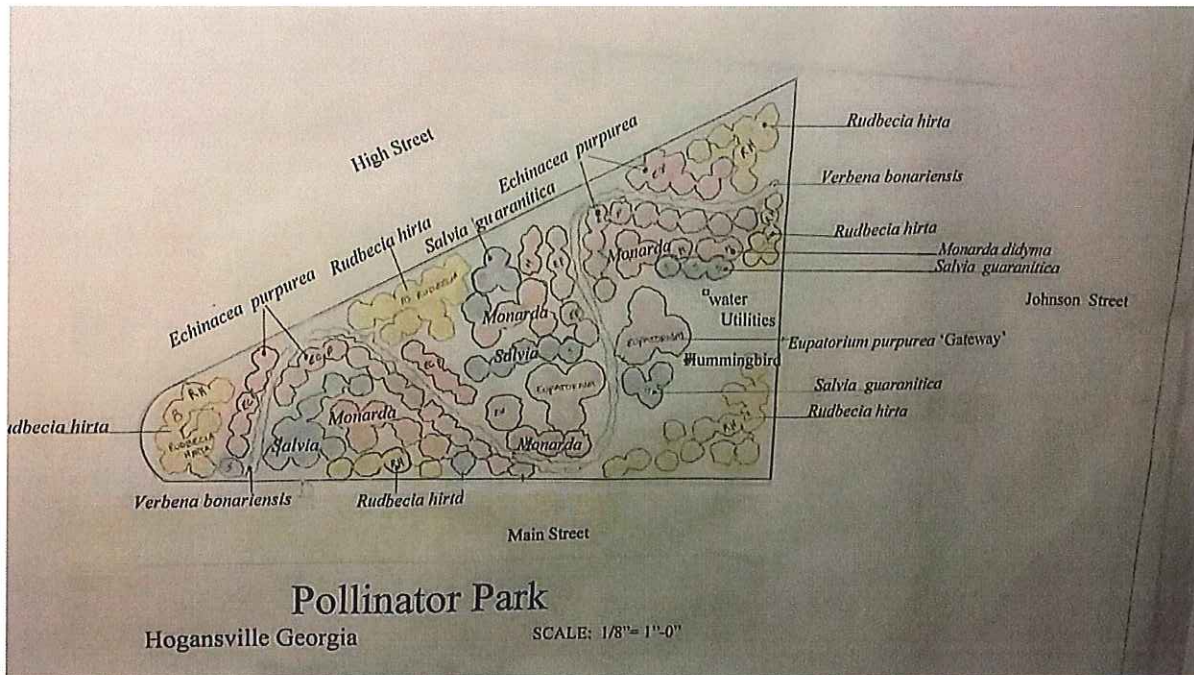
The park would consist of a small, attractive, educational pollinator garden. A pollinator garden is a group of native plants that attract and produce nectar for “pollinators” (bees, bugs, butterflies and birds).

**Pollinators transfer pollen from plant to plant, and are responsible for  
80% of the food we eat.**

We plan to incorporate educational signage at the site, with information about the important benefits of pollinators and the deadly effects of herbicides, pesticides and plants treated with neonicotinoids (insecticides responsible for declining bee populations).

Members of the HRAA and a local gardening group will raise funds, purchase plants, plant and maintain the garden, and provide interpretative / educational signage. The only cost to the city would be for water usage, primarily during the first year. Water is available on site, and watering will be part of our maintenance plan. Because the plants are natives, they are hardy and drought resistant and will require little maintenance after the first year. We would like to plant in March/early April of this year, and respectfully request the council’s permission to go forward.

## Pollinator Park Design by Sandra Jonas



Sandra Jonas is the owner of Recreating Eden Landscape Design. She has been designing noteworthy landscapes for over 20 years, from residential gardens of all types to public parks, cemeteries, and restorations of historic sites.

Her garden designs have been profiled as cover stories by Southern Living and Atlanta Magazine's Home and have been highlighted in the regional lifestyle magazine Oconee Living. The work she did on American Hydrangea Society founder Penny McHenry's Atlanta garden has been widely photographed, appearing in such notable media outlets as Better Homes & Gardens, Southern Living, and HGTV. A garden she created to complement a stately home designed by noted Southern architect William Frank McCall, Jr. received accolades when the property was chosen to be the LaGrange Symphony Guild's show house in 2006.

An avid plant collector and gardener herself, Sandra has created a sweeping series of gardens around her antebellum home in Hogansville, Georgia. Her own garden, planned for four-season interest, appeared in an extensive photo feature in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.