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# Plants for Pollinators in the Classroom

**Applications due by January 31, 2013**

(available to teachers in Mercer, Middlesex and Monmouth Counties)

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Apply for a plant stand to grow pollinator-friendly plants in the classroom and a resource kit to learn about NJ's native bees & butterflies. Then create a pollinator garden at your school or community center!

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in the Classroom!

A Project of the Mercer County & Freehold Soil Conservation Districts and the Assunpink Environmental Institute



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Help your students learn about New Jersey's native pollinators and study the important relationship between plants and pollinators!

January 31, 2013, is the deadline for teachers in **Mercer, Middlesex and Monmouth Counties** to apply to their local Soil Conservation District for a free **"Plants for Pollinators"** resource kit. Each kit includes a two-tiered plant growing stand and all the materials needed to start growing butterfly-attracting plants in the classroom (e.g. potting soil, seeds, wide spectrum light bulbs, light timers, temperature and humidity indicators, instructions and more). Lesson ideas, teaching tools and a beautiful pollinator poster are provided. After starting the seeds in the classroom, students will transfer their seedlings and new found knowledge to the schoolyard through the creation of a pollinator garden. They will also receive a small selection of potted perennial plants in May to help jump start their garden. What a fun way to increase pollinator habitat and schoolyard biodiversity!

Teachers in Mercer County should apply to the Mercer Co. Soil Conservation District (609-586-9603). See <http://mercercsd.org/education/pollinators.htm> for details and an application form.

Teachers in Middlesex and Monmouth Counties should apply to the Freehold Soil Conservation District (732-683-8500). See [http://www.freeholdscd.org/page.php?page\\_id=99](http://www.freeholdscd.org/page.php?page_id=99) for details and an application form.

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