

Moving the Needle Towards a Better World

Dear Pollinator Pathway Friends,

I recently heard a climate expert declare that repairing habitat will take us 1/3 of the way to our 2030 climate goals. That no details were offered to justify this statement is unimportant. What IS important is knowing that by repairing habitat one backyard at a time, town by town along the Pollinator Pathway we are moving the needle—creating meaningful environmental change.

We on the Pollinator Pathway are moving the needle:

- on climate change
- on saving wildlife and increasing biodiversity
- on getting chemicals off our lawns and out of our drinking water
- on providing food for butterflies, bees and moths
- on planting native trees and shrubs for the caterpillars that then feed our birds and wildlife
- on returning the beauty of nature to our cities and towns
- on having fun and doing good
- on working together for a common cause.

We're intentionally taking action, making changes and feeling inspired.

We're decentralizing across boundaries and building trust among our neighbors.

We're sharing ideas and resources.

We're celebrating success.

We're learning as we move ahead, innovating as we go.

We're looking for opportunities and, no surprise, finding them.

With these same intentions the group that formed the Pollinator Pathway five years ago now has come together as a non-profit organization. The newly created Board of Directors has transitioned from being a committee of local community actors into a united leadership that will drive the Pollinator Pathway's mission forward.

Our new Board is embracing stability to meet the challenges of ecological instability. It is building alignment. It is building trust. And, underlying it all, is **a deep humility and gratitude to those who have joined us in this grand experiment we call the Pollinator Pathway.**

Donna Merrill
President
Pollinator Pathway Board of Directors

President Donna Merrill, right, speaks at a recent Pollinator Pathway Board meeting.

