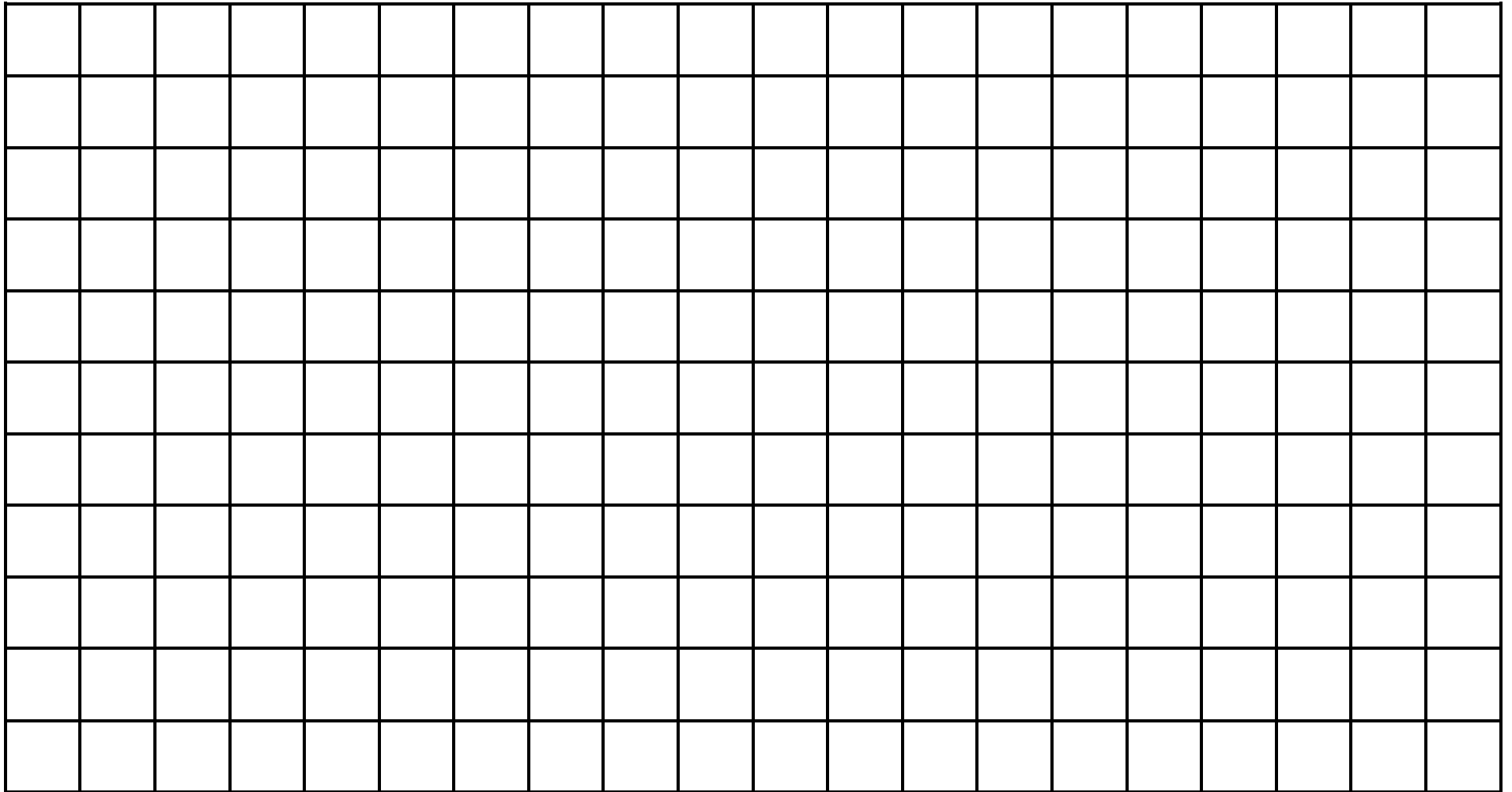


Pollinator Garden Project

Draw your garden.



Guiding Question: *How can I create a pollinator garden for native bees and butterflies that will provide the essential elements for a thriving, sustainable pollinator community?* **Heading:**

Garden Checklist

In order to choose plants that will thrive in your garden and support the native pollinators you must:

- ☑ Decide whether you will design a shade garden or a sun garden. (ex. prairie or forest)
- ☑ Choose to create a container garden, in-ground garden, or a combination of the two.
- ☑ Consider the maintenance needs of each plant. Does your plant have roots that will invade all areas of the garden, wind-blown seeds that will spread, or other concerns for your garden or your neighbor's yard?
- ☑ Try to have at least 4 different species of plants. Groupings of the same plant are preferred by pollinators.
- ☑ Make sure you provide both Host and Nectar plants.
- ☑ Make sure you have Nectar plants blooming the entire season – April/May through October.
- ☑ You may want to use some low-growing ground covers; make sure you have a variety of sizes of plants.
- ☑ Determine the amount of space each plant requires and provide that in your garden.
- ☑ Create your key. Define each plant in the key.
- ☑ Determine the value of each cm. square and place that in your key.
- ☑ Extras/Options/Possibilities: Mason bee homes; insect motel; a source for puddling or basking; sights for observing; (your choice?)

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