

# Constitution and Bylaws

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## PREAMBLE

The name of this organization shall be “The Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative (OPHI)” as adopted on June 15, 2015. The objectives of the Initiative shall be: To improve and create pollinator habitat in the state of Ohio, as well as raise awareness for all Ohioans regarding the importance of pollinators. The Initiative shall be a collaborative effort, and inclusive to all groups/organizations that wish to promote pollinator conservation.

## Article I — Positions and Board Members

OPHI shall have a state coordinator and a set of core partners.

## Article II – Core Partners

Core partners shall be representatives from the major resource groups within the state incorporating federal, state, ngo, university, college or private sector.

## Article II — Partners/Members

Partners and/or Members shall be open to persons who are engaged in fostering and promoting the OPHI mission as well as provide an active role in in the growth and practice of habitat management for pollinators and other wildlife.

## BYLAWS

### Article I — Duties of Coordinator, Core partners, Members and General Partners

Section 1. The state coordinator shall be the liaison for all partners/members and conduct in State activities as a priority over regional actions unless agreed and advised by the core partners. The coordinator shall preside at all meetings of the core partners, develop and carry out any necessary committees, events, and create or coordinate materials for review by the core partners to disseminate to the general public.

Section 2. Core partners shall provide necessary support whether financially or hands on for the coordinator. Core partners shall participate in all meetings to ensure agreement on all decisions related to mission and growth.

Section 3. Members and general partners shall be stewards of the mission and willing to participate in the efforts under the mission in a tangible manner including performing or providing outreach, materials donation for restoration projects, advertisement of events, hosting events, etc

### Article II — Meetings

Meetings shall be held quarterly. When necessary, special meetings may be called by the coordinator. Core partners shall be given recurring calendar invites giving notice of regular meetings, and special meetings may be called within a five day notice.

### Article VII — Financial

The coordinator shall seek financial support from core partners, members/general partners, federal, state, ngo, university, college or private sector. The coordinator shall look for sponsorship through common and uncommon opportunities, grants and donations.

### Article VIII – Amendments

The bylaws may be amended at any meetings by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the core partners present, or by two-thirds of all votes cast electronically via e-mail.