

## **Pollinator Protection Work Group Report – June 1, 2016**

At its meeting on May 20th, the work group discussed how to approach revising the "noxious weeds" and "natural lawns" ordinances. Woulf and Fey agreed to draft some alternatives to be discussed with the staff members charged with implementing/enforcing these ordinances (George Hank and Al Martin) as soon as possible. Alder Zellers may want to be involved in this process as well, as she'll likely be the lead sponsor when they're introduced to the Common Council and go through a formal public review process. Members also identified other priorities including utilizing publicly-owned acres more effectively to support pollinators (especially corridors like bike paths and water courses) and promote inter-jurisdictional cooperation; also identified was the need to review the leases held on city-owned agricultural lands, and the integrated pest management policy (its provisions and implementation). The ordinance revisions remain at the top of the list.