



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**ACM:** Christine Taylor

**DATE:** August 4, 2025

### **SUBJECT**

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the 2025 NRPA Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz.

### **STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

Promote Sustainability and the Environment

### **BACKGROUND**

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz is a friendly competition throughout the month of September among participating agencies across the nation that brings communities together to engage in biodiversity discovery and citizen science. The BioBlitz aligns directly with the three core NRPA pillars: Conservation, Health and Wellness, and Equity. BioBlitz events promote Conservation by encouraging participants to explore, document, and better understand local ecosystems. This grassroots environmental engagement not only builds ecological awareness but also supports informed land management and habitat protection. Citizen scientists will be encouraged to utilize the iNaturalist app to record and track their observations of specific flora and fauna in the City of Denton. The data collected can guide local conservation strategies while cultivating a culture of stewardship among residents.

BioBlitzes contribute to Health and Wellness by inviting individuals and families to engage in outdoor physical activity while connecting with nature, supporting both mental and physical well-being. The program also embodies the pillar of Equity by providing inclusive, accessible opportunities for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to participate in meaningful outdoor experiences. BioBlitzes may be hosted events or passive, self-directed activities and can occur in urban parks, natural preserves, or in any part of the city. BioBlitz events may bring diverse communities together, bridging gaps in access to nature and environmental education.

### **Additional Resources:**

- iNaturalist website: <https://www.inaturalist.org/>
- Denton Project: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/parks-for-pollinators-2025-denton-tx>
- NRPA website: <https://www.nrpa.org/our-work/Three-Pillars/environmental-resilience/parks4pollinators/>

### **OPTIONS**

Support or oppose efforts to pursue participation in the NRPA BioBlitz.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommend supporting efforts to participate in the NRPA BioBlitz.

**ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT**

September 1 through September 30, 2025.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

There are no costs attributed to this initiative.

**EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Presentation

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