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Dear NAPPC Partner:

Welcome to the 21st Annual NAPPC International Conference hosted *virtually* by the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History on October 19th-21st, 2021. While we did not anticipate yet another virtual gathering, it is still a great time to be a part of the world's largest coalition working for pollinators. We are thrilled to continue this new mode of collaboration and teamwork, while also looking forward to seeing you (hopefully in-person) in 2022!

Last year at NAPPC, we worked collaboratively to devise a plan towards a very specific vision: In twenty years we will have a sustainable and equitable world for people and pollinators, with food production, ecosystems and economies thriving.

This vision will only be achieved through collaborative actions and respectful discourse. We look forward to continuing our mission of promoting and protecting all pollinating species across North America and beyond, together.

If you are new to NAPPC please note:

The emphasis is on the work of NAPPC Task Forces, each of which has a specific charge to accomplish some action or program activity that will advance the health and welfare of pollinators. The Task Force format has been responsible for many of NAPPC's successes. The Steering Committee has suggested a direction as a starting priority to discuss when we meet as a group. The Task Forces meet on Wednesday and Thursday (see Agenda).

During the two Task Force sessions, your Task Force will envision your completed project and work through the steps to get there. You will be asked to commit to at least one aspect of this project. The idea is to diversify the input, mobilize maximum impact, and to spread the work over many participants.

Your participation at NAPPC will lead to real advancements in supporting pollinators, people, and the planet. WELCOME, and THANK YOU for your contributions, dedication, and leadership.

Sincerely,

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