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Dear NAPPC Partner:

Welcome to the 22nd Annual NAPPC International Conference hosted virtually <u>and</u> in-person by the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History on October 18th-20th, 2022! While we hoped to be completely in-person this year, we are pleased to be able to offer a hybrid model so we can achieve the most participation possible for such an important year for pollinator conservation.

At NAPPC 2020, 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 identifying common ground. 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 of pollinators and their habitats. The Task Force format has been responsible for many of NAPPC's successes. The Steering Committee has suggested a direction as a starting point for when your task forces meet on Wednesday and Thursday (see Agenda).

During the two Task Force sessions, your Task Force will brainstorm your objectives and work through the steps to achieve them. You will be asked to commit to at least one aspect of the work plan. 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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