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Subject: pollinator project along EST

I spoke with Liz Elkin (Owner of Bloom Landscaping) who is leading the volunteer effort to remove invasive species and plant pollinator friendly plants along the EST between the thruway and N Ohioville that we discussed at our last meeting.

Liz is hoping to start by planting some shrubs (25 each of Black cherry, Buttonbush, Ninebark, and Winged sumac) on the steeper slopes that we will purchase from the State's nursery list <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/75799.html> for ~\$100. Then later this spring (after we remove the mugwort) order \$300-500 worth of pollinator perennials (and planting supplies) for a total of less than \$600 for the shrubs, pollinators and supplies.

My proposal would be to use funds from either what is left of the \$5,000 we received as an award for the Clean Energy Communities program or parkland funds (if that is allowed). I have cc'd Jean for her input on using either.

thanks

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