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Dear Mayors and Councillors,

The Village of Cumberland would like to invite you to promote pollination in your community by introducing mason bees into your public places.

Cumberland has introduced Blue Orchard mason bees and placed a nesting block in its centrally-located No. 6 Mine Historic Park with great success. Unlike honey bees, mason bees are more self-sufficient and docile and play an important role in pollinating crops, flowers, fruit trees, and vegetables in our gardens. Protecting our native beneficial bees through habitat conservation helps to support local food production.

We encourage your local government to take on this great initiative of promoting pollination in your community. There are several ways of doing so. One way is by installing a mason bee nesting blocks in your community parks. Your Council may also make a simple proclamation to promote mason bees in your community. Please also encourage community organizations to take on such works on your behalf.

Yours truly,

Leslie Baird
Mayor