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**POLLINATOR HEDGEROW PLANTING DAY AT BLOOMFIELD FARMS**  
**RAIN/FLOODING DELAY UNTIL MARCH 8**

The non-profit North Coast Resource Conservation & Development Council (NCRC&DC) in cooperation with Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, Bloomfield Farms™, and other project partners are seeking volunteers to help plant a hedgerow to support native bees and other pollinators. The date has been moved to Saturday March 8, 2014, due to anticipated flooding on the original date this week. The day at Bloomfield Farms™, 12550 Valley Ford Road between Valley Ford and Bloomfield, will include an educational discussion. Volunteers will learn about the importance of pollinators to our food supply, why their populations are declining, and what we can do to support them. People of all ages are welcome, and the event will go forward rain or shine. Lunch will be provided.

Please wear boots, work gloves, and clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Some tools will be provided, but extra picks and shovels are always helpful. If you are interested in volunteering, please RSVP to allow us to plan for the day:

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Pollinators are critical to agriculture, and bees are among the most active of pollinators. Seventy-five percent of all crop species depend on animal pollinators like bees to produce fruits or seeds. Bio-diverse plantings in hedgerows (rows/clumps of perennials and annuals planted in or near fields) can help support native bee and honeybee populations, providing a reliable source of nectar and pollen throughout the year to nourish pollinators. Hedgerow areas can also provide nesting sites for pollinators, and safe forage areas free of pesticides.

Funding for this fun, educational event at Bloomfield Farms™ is provided by the Clif Bar Family Foundation.

Bloomfield Farms™ grows certified organic and heirloom produce, and practices sustainable farming while working to conserve and regenerate the lands they steward in the Estero Americano Watershed. The NCRC&DC is a local 501(c)3 non-profit organization working in Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, and Lake Counties. The NCRC&DC's overall goal is to protect water, soil, and air resources. Its all-volunteer Council works to protect pollinator habitat, eliminate invasive species, promote agricultural tourism, support new and expanding farm operations, and encourage alternative energy from biomass. Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District assists landowners in addressing their environmental concerns by maintaining a presence in natural resources conservation work in all watersheds within the District, helps involve landowners in Natural Resource Conservation Service projects, and provides a conduit for landowners through which state and federal monies can be obtained to support and implement restorative programs and practices.

