



Dear Friend of Crown Point,

As I walked out the front door of the farmhouse at Crown Point I saw the strangest hummingbird, with antennae and the size of a bumblebee. Neither a bird nor a bumblebee was it, but a moth, pollinating our flower bed. This hummingbird bumblebee moth (*Hemaris* spp.) pupates in a thin cocoon in leaf litter, where they remain during the cold months, emerging as moths in late spring or early summer to visit flowers during the warm months. And all we did was plant a garden and leave the leaves. So little to us, but not to this small creature. These small, daily choices create the diversified ecosystem that will make our land and homes more resilient to a warming climate.



As a supporter of Crown Point, you are investing in millions of tiny miracles like this.

Your donations help sustain and regenerate our small piece of earth. This includes:

- Transforming barren fields into thriving habitats for the vast array of insects, birds and bats that pollinate one third our food crops.
- Replenishing the health of our soil to produce more nutritious food that is devoid of poisons.
- Serving our neighbors and alleviating hunger through thousands of pounds of organic produce and hundreds of donated plants to community gardens.

We cannot continue our work without your support. Together we can alleviate hunger in our community, protect native wildlife, and educate the next generation of ecological stewards.

At Crown Point Ecology Center, we are connecting people, food and land. We are mindful that the survival of all the creatures that live or migrate is linked to our own well being. Our conservation efforts are only part of what we do. Our youth and adult educational programs are a tiny seed that we hope will grow into a life of caring for the earth and each other. Each young person we serve and every farmer we train is an investment in the future of our shared planet. No more *Silent Spring*.

Thank you for helping us continue this important and urgent work.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

