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Another in the series of Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom non-fiction text examples to be used in your classroom. Remember, these will be available every MONDAY afternoon that *FarmWeek* is published during the school year.

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Note, by request of teachers we have included the answers to the questions immediately following the questions on a separate worksheet.

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Use the article titled:

**Partners’ pollinator plot creating lots of buzz**

1. What is ‘Wabash’ and why is it important to this story?
2. Name the nine Illinois counites represented in the Wabash Valley area.
3. What benefit did the 1-plus acre of pollinator plots have to Wabash Valley College?
4. How has Steve Hnetkovsky, instructor at Wabash Valley, planned to use the pollinator plots in teaching?
5. In addition to other benefits listed, how has this partnership helped the local community college?
6. EXTENDED LEARNING. Burma Shave-like signs were recently installed. Research Burma Shave signs; What are they? When were they most popular? Can you design a Burma Shave-like sign for pollinators?

Answers

1. The Wabash rivers flows through Indiana and makes up part of the south-eastern border of Illinois before it merges with the Ohio River. Wabash Valley College and the Wabash Valley Stewardship Alliance are made of counties in Illinois that surround this area.
2. Crawford, Edwards, Gallatin, Hamilton, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne and White counites.
3. In addition to the public relations interest and goodwill, and environmental benefits, now something productive grows on difficult to farm college property.
4. He will teach about pollinators and discuss soil and water quality benefits over time. Baseline soil samples were taken before the plots were seeded and can be used to map progress with soil.
5. Education depends on local partnerships, this has proven to be an excellent partnership for the community college.
6. Answers will vary, but consider researching Burma Shave Signs at <https://www.legendsofamerica.com/66-burmashave/>