



Bee City USA Annual Report for 2018 Pollinator Conservation & Education



DENTON, TEXAS

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



On February 10 the City of Denton hosted its fourth annual Honey Run event. This was another successful event complete with more than 500 participants in the fun run. This is a daylong event geared towards promoting bee awareness throughout the community. The first 500 run registrants received a free t-shirt and the first 500 finishers received mini honey dipper as a medal. After the race, participants were able to meet with local beekeepers and sample locally produced honey. Following the run and honey tasting, we hosted an intro to beekeeping workshop for more than 100 individuals. Throughout the year we hosted two more classes focusing on honeybees. These classes had 44 participants and were taught by members of the Denton County Beekeepers Association (DCBA). The City also partnered with DCBA to help distribute 1,000 seed packets containing “bee happy” native seed mix.



The Sustainability Department also hosted ten additional gardening workshops during the spring and fall. These gardening workshops have a combined attendance of more than 350 participants. The workshops provided a learning opportunity for members in the community, as well as, hands on garden experience. During the classes instructors discuss what types of native flowers and plants will help attract and support bee populations.

In 2019, Denton plans to continue participating in Bee City USA by increasing the number of workshops and participants. They also hope to collaborate more with local associations to support pollinators in and around the community.

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT



Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center (CCNHC) has six different gardens that all implement organic and sustainable bio intensive gardening practices. These gardens serve as a variety of native plant and pollinator themed demonstration gardens. Clear Creek contributes to the seed library at the Emily Fowler Library where citizens can get free flower seeds.

CCNHC has partnered with the Denton Independent School District to provide outdoor learning opportunities to children of all ages. The facility provides a hands on learning opportunity to the entire class. Schools will

schedule times to come out to the property throughout the year and take children on a nature hikes. Almost 5,000 students visit Clear Creek each year from the DISD field trips.

We hosted a pollinator themed volunteer day after a pollinator themed story time. During the volunteer event families helped us plant over a 50 different pollinator plants in our native plant beds. This took place on June 19th during pollinator week.

POLICIES & PRACTICES



The members listed in our committer are composed of the two staff at the City of Denton that assist with Bee City USA and the president of Denton County Beekeepers Association (DCBA). At the city we are actively trying to increase programs and habitats for pollinators. We work with DCBA to specifically support the Honey Bee populations. They are a very active program that works directly with local beekeepers to help support. They are also actively trying to mentor and teach new members how to become beekeepers.

The IPM in Denton is a document that lays out how our city works to mitigate and treat pest on City property.

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List— To be developed.

Regional Native Plant Supplier List—To be developed.

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan—

https://www.greenpolicy360.net/w/Denton,_TX_Integrated_Pest_Management_Program

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