



# Bee City USA Annual Report for 2018 Pollinator Conservation & Education



## FORSYTH, MISSOURI

### EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Photos: Missi Hesketh

Our 2018 efforts for pollinator conservation in Forsyth centered around awareness and education. For Earth Day, Green Paws – the Forsyth Middle School environmental group – held its third Recycled Art Sculpture contest on the newly named trail. Our design of choice was a queen bee constructed from discarded tires. The art was viewed by the many users of the trail for several weeks.

The final event was a 5K on the trail to benefit the Forsyth Backpack Club, which sends home food for children in need over weekends and breaks during the school year. There were about 70 attendees for that, all of whom were privy to the rationale behind the trail dedication, as well as viewing the recycled art. By the end of the Spring, folks had a very good idea of why we are doing what we are doing.

### POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT



We coordinated an effort with the City of Forsyth to dedicate a walking/biking trail into Dr. William Roston's name. Dr. Roston was our town doc for decades, and is also an avid gardener and lover of pollinators. He has the Dr. Bill Roston Native Butterfly House in Springfield, MO. The dedication of Dr. William Roston Nature Trail provides an outlet for community members to plant pollinator-friendly plants. The dedication was attended by about 25 members of the community, including a speech by former State Representative Maynard Wallace.

We are really excited about our newest collaboration effort working with the Chamber of Commerce and the Missouri Department of Transportation to transform a roundabout into a beautiful perennial, pollinator-friendly garden!

## POLICIES & PRACTICES

**Recommended Locally Native Plant Species & Supplier List**— To be developed  
**Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan**—To be developed

## CONTACT US!

**Committee**—Forsyth Bee City Committee, Missi Hesketh, Chair  
**Website**—Coming Soon!