



Bee City USA Annual Report for 2018 Pollinator Conservation & Education

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EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Al Tuttle with a group of Brownie Scouts at the Society to learn about Bee Keeping and honey

The Historical Society of Vandalia Butler Vandalia Bee City USA Committee continues to write a pollinator related article for each of our bi-monthly newsletters. We have about 265 recipients for each of our mailings, which includes about 25 other businesses, organizations and other non-profits. We also have a 4-page pamphlet the City created, that describes the Bee City USA program and our participation in the national program. We also provide various information handouts and/or flyers we can use during our Society Open House events held the first and third Sunday of each month from April through October. We can also share these items with citizens when we participate in other community events. The City has our Bee City information on its website.

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT

We have had meetings with a local farmer, who does pollinator gardens in some fields on his property that the public can see as they use the access road to approach our local airport. We also had meetings with a

neighboring community resident, who owns a 17-acre facility rented for weddings and other social events, with several butterfly gardens. We also have several gardens (herb, flower & vegetable) at our Society property. For the second year, the Society purchased pollinator seed packets and made these available at various events to our community residents at a reduced price. The City Parks Department is very environment friendly in its use of any treatment in the parks.



Tom Hertlein's field of Buckwheat on his farm at Peters Pikes



Tom Hertlein's field of sunflowers on Hertlein Lane

POLICIES & PRACTICES



Fundraiser that Al Tuttle set up with Dorothy Lane Markets



Vandalia decorated two golf carts to use at the Bee City USA - Vandalia Proclamation.

The City has a Integrated Pest Management Plan and the committee is working on a recommended native species list we can share with our local and neighboring community residents. Our Bee City Committee participates in the monthly Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings.

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List— In progress
Regional Native Plant Supplier List— To be developed
Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan—

CONTACT US!



Al Tuttle training Girl Scouts at the Society School House



The Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler raises a vegetable garden and share produce with the Vandalia-Butler Food Pantry.

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