



Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



Ypsilanti, Michigan

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



First Fridays maps and passport highlighting 14 unique events happening around the city on September 6, 2019.



Local artists compete to win the audience favorite pollinator painting.

Festival of the Honeybee 2019. In 2019, we celebrated Festival of the Honeybee. Festival of the Honey Bee is a festival in partnership with First Fridays Ypsilanti, which runs and organizes the event. Businesses throughout the city celebrate pollinators in unique ways during the festival by way of education, food, and art. The festival also includes a street closure where attendees enjoy live music, Drag Queen Bees, Mead tap takeovers, kids activities, and more. Vendors line the street with educational booths, honey, plants, and pollinator related artwork. First Fridays Ypsilanti counted over 2,500 at the event.

Check out some videos taken at the beginning of the event:

<https://www.secondwavemedia.com/concentrate/videos/honeybeevideo0517.aspx>

Under The Radar is the PBS TV show that explores the best of Michigan. The object is to discover the people, places and things that make Michigan great. (We also gave a shout out to Bee City USA!)

<https://www.facebook.com/UTRMichigan/videos/vb.119548081294/472115390301140/?type=2&theater>

Art review of our annual art exhibition at 22 North-

https://pulp.aadl.org/node/398081?fbclid=IwAR1BQy-oVK5qcKS0evlCmvuLcgYxG2ZqJB2Maht92oQV-U0F_UNKOzOdo4

Please scroll through <https://www.facebook.com/FestivaloftheHoneyBee/> to see all the things we were up to last September.

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT



Educational Planter right after planting.

The Bee City Volunteers worked with the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority to adopt a planter on Washington Street to serve as an educational native plant planter with signage.

In the planter, we planted 2 Ostrich ferns (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*), 3 bee balm (*Monarda fistulosa*), about 6 sundrops (*Oenothera fruticosa*), and 8 little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*). They're all perennials, and due to the large mass of soil in the planter, we're betting they'll survive the winter. Then out they pop again in spring, even stronger and larger, for another year--that's one planter the DDA can cross off their "costs" list. In fact, some natives (*Silphium* genus and others) can live for over a century! This mix doesn't have early-spring-blooming flowers but we hope to add some to provide spring interest, like columbine and golden alexanders and violets.

POLICIES & PRACTICES

Our contractors hand weed flower pots and sidewalks.

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List —

<https://www.ypsilantinativeplantnursery.com/native-plant-resources>

Regional Native Plant Supplier List — <https://www.ypsilantinativeplantnursery.com/available-plants>

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan — n/a

CONTACT US!

Committee — Pollenteers

Website — <https://cityofypsilanti.com/679/Bee-City-USA>

Social Media — Inactive- anything will be posted on the city of ypsilanti facebook page in the future and shared with the festival of the honey bee.