Bee Campus USA

Website Template

Affiliates commit to maintaining an online presence where they share information about their activities as well as resources to help their community protect pollinators including their native plant list, native plant supplier list, and integrated pest management plan. This can be in the form of a new page on an existing website or a completely new website. This template provides suggestions for what to include on a webpage. Feel free to tailor your webpage to your committee's interests and objectives.

View other affiliate's webpages by visiting https://beecityusa.org/current-bee-campus-usa-affiliates/ and clicking on affiliate profiles under 'affiliate directory'. Please add your website to the 'about' tab on your profile by logging in and clicking 'profile' in the upper right.

Program Overview & Information

About Bee Campus USA

Bee City USA and Bee Campus USA work to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators, in particular the more than 3,600 species of native bees in this country, by increasing the abundance of native plants, providing nest sites, and reducing the use of pesticides. Bee City USA and Bee Campus USA are initiatives of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.

About Native Pollinators

Bees transfer pollen between flowers, enabling the incredible diversity of plants on our planet to fruit and reproduce. Pollinators are keystone species in essentially every ecosystem on earth, facilitating the reproduction of over 85 percent of all flowering plants and over two-thirds of agricultural crops.

In addition to the domestic honey bee (Apis mellifera), a species brought to North America from Europe, there are more than 3,600 species of bees native to the United States. These wild bees are generally quite different than the domesticated honey bee–most of them live solitary lives, with a single female doing all of the work to build a nest, collect pollen and nectar, and lay eggs.

Unlike the honey bee, which nests aboveground and can be managed in wooden hives, more than two out of three wild bees live underground in nests that can be hard to spot from the surface! Some dig down and lay their eggs several feet below ground, while others make nests near the soil surface or in hollowed out plant stems above ground. While bees are the most important pollinator, butterflies, moths, beetles, flies, wasps, and hummingbirds also contribute to pollination.

Research has shown significant declines in native pollinator population sizes and ranges globally with up to 40 percent of pollinator species on Earth at risk of extinction in the coming years as a result a variety of environmental stressors including habitat loss and degradation, exposure to pesticides, diseases and pathogens, and climate change.

Bee Campus USA Commitments

- Establish a standing Bee Campus USA committee.
- Create and enhance pollinator habitat on campus by increasing the abundance of native plants and providing nest sites.
- Reduce the use of pesticides.
- Offer courses or continuing education opportunities that incorporate pollinator conservation.
- Offer service-learning projects to enhance pollinator habitat.
- Display signage focused on pollinator conservation.
- Maintain an online presence for Bee Campus USA activities.
- Annually apply for renewal and report on the previous year's activities.

Visit https://beecityusa.org/bee-campus-usa-commitments/ for more information.

Connect with Bee Campus USA
Website - www.beecityusa.org
Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/BeeCityUSA/
Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/beecityusa/
Twitter - https://twitter.com/BeeCityUSA

Committee Information

Certification year and information about why your campus decided to become an affiliate of Bee Campus USA

Committee Chair and Co-Chair (if applicable) names and email addresses

Social media pages associated with the committee

Pollinator Conservation Resources

Committee Resources

- Recommended Native Plant List
- Native Plant Supplier List
- Integrated Pest Management Plan

Bee Campus USA Resources

- Pollinators - https://beecityusa.org/pollinators/
- Plants - https://beecityusa.org/plants/
- Pesticides - https://beecityusa.org/pesticides/
- Outreach & Education - https://beecityusa.org/outreach-education/
- Webinars & Videos - https://beecityusa.org/webinars-and-videos/

Committee Activities

Past renewal reports (find yours at https://beecityusa.org/work/)

Blogs, photos, etc.

Other

Customized logo (find this on your profile after logging into the Bee Campus USA website)

Bee Campus USA certificate

Events - https://beecityusa.org/affiliate-events/

Visit www.beecampususa.org to learn more.