

# Bee City USA - Town of Berlin

Report on 2020

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## Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

We currently have six locations that we are maintaining and enhancing each year. We also planted native plants in the area of the submerged gravel wetlands project on Graham Avenue.



Co-chair Kate Patton and Parks Committee Members maintaining current pollinator gardens in Town.



Resident and committee members Mike & Helen Wiley displaying part of their personal pollinator garden.

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## Education & Outreach

We were going to host an event during Earth Week 'Take Pride in Berlin Week' we planned to set up a table and have our local Youth Organization 'Worcester Youth and Family' provide bat box supplies and instructions – Our Co-Chair was going to bring pollinator friendly plant seeds and put out informational packets on how you can make your own pollinator gardens at home. We also planned to have seeds always available at the Berlin Welcome Center. But, due to COVID we held off on these plans this year. We DID have a take a plant leave a plant station outside of our Berlin Welcome Center which contained several pollinator friendly plants.





## Policies & Practices

We do not currently have a plan in place, but will be making one when we start having committee meetings again (after COVID). When Town employees spray, they do not spray in the morning, near flowers, they do all root-based spraying, mostly sidewalks, keep a log of spraying done, we do not do it when it is windy, and we do not spray in the parks or near crops of any sort. We encourage residents to use alternative spraying methods i.e. 1-gallon vinegar, ½ cup of dawn, and 2 cups of Epsom salt. The Town employee that does the spraying wants to have an opportunity to meet with the committee when COVID passes and establish a plan with them and utilize their knowledge.

### **Integrated Pest Management Plan:**

### **Recommended Native Plant List:**

### **Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:**

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