Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

East Georgia State College hosted its annual Arbor Tree Celebration on March 6, 2020. About 30 participants were on hand to witness the planting of a pollinator-friendly weeping willow tree on the EGSC campus, while listening to a community forestry specialist with the Georgia Forestry Commission talk about the meaning of Arbor Day and how to plant and care for trees. At the event, mason bee houses were on display and pollinator-friendly Dogwood, Willow Oak, Catalpa, and Swamp Chestnut tree seedlings were given away for attendees to enjoy in their home gardens. The celebration was hosted by EGSC’s Tree Campus USA committee which compliments the college’s Bee Campus USA affiliation.
A crowd of spectators at East Georgia State College's Arbor Day tree-planting event on March 6, 2020.

Alex Ballard, a Community Forestry Specialist with the Georgia Forestry Commission spoke to attendees about the Weeping Willow tree planted during East Georgia State College’s Arbor Day Celebration on March 6, 2020. Alex spoke about the history of Arbor Day to a crowd of about 40 spectators from the college and the community and demonstrated how to correctly plant a tree and care for it.

Education & Outreach

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, East Georgia State College hosted fewer campus and community pollinator events during 2020 than in a typical year. Prior to the college campus "shutting down" in mid-March of 2020 however, EGSC hosted its annual Arbor Day Celebration event on March 6 with the planting of a pollinator-friendly weeping willow tree.
East Georgia State College's Arbor Day Celebration was held Friday, March 6. The celebration was on the Swainsboro campus and featured the planting of a Weeping Willow at Ezra Pond. The tree was dedicated to Danny Vaughn, a former EGSC employee of Plant Operations.

East Georgia State College student, Bryan Martinez, installing a package of honeybees in a hive in the college apiary for the first time.
Courses & Continuing Education

Service-Learning

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Integrated Pest Management Plan:
http://www.ega.edu/bee-campus/integrated-pest-management-plan

Recommended Native Plant List:
http://www.ega.edu/bee-campus/pollinator-list

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