

Bee City USA - Williamstown

Report on 2020

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

We completely renovated and replaced all plants in a former Master Gardener project garden known as the Armstrong Garden. It is located centrally in our city in a highly visible area. Our objective was to create a native pollinator plants series of gardens in which people could visit and get ideas on how they can plant similar plants on their own property. We purchased seeds early in the year and enlisted local volunteers from the Master Gardener group as well as community members to start the seeds for us. Next we created several beds using traditional methods including solarization. We received a \$3,000 grant from the Dupont Corporation, Dupont Environmental Project Fund to assist us in development of the gardens. Our second project was a program we developed aimed at 4th graders in our school district. The aim was to teach the students about pollinators, plants and responsibility. Each student created a 5' by 2' flower bed in their yard or in the green strip in front of their house. We provided a kit containing seeds, fertilizer, other materials, instructions and a sign to each participant. We had 17 students who participated. We received a \$1,000 grant from the Fenton Family Williamstown Fund for Excellence.



young plants being grown by a community volunteer



Breck Allen and his pollinator garden

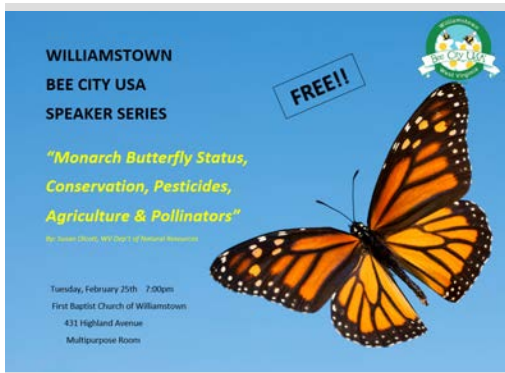


Sophie and Kylie tend to their garden

Education & Outreach

Our committee hosted two educational seminars for the community. The first was held on January 27th, 200 and was titled "Pollinator Habitat and Its Benefits for More Than Pollinators. The speaker was Sheldon Owen from the West Virginia Extension Service. The second seminar was held on February 25, 2020 and was titled "Monarch Butterfly Status, Conservation, Pesticides, Agriculture and Pollinators. The speaker was Susan Olcott from the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources.





Flyer for February seminar



Flyer for January seminar



Sheldon Owen addresses the audience for our Pollinator Habitat seminar

Policies & Practices

We are currently working on a USABLE IPM

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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working in the Armstrong Garden

