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**Bee City USA**® **Renews [City]’s Affiliation**

CITY, State; Month XX, 202X---Bee City USA® has renewed [City]’s Bee City USA affiliation for 202X following a rigorous renewal application process.

This completed the efforts of [Bee City USA committee name] to accomplish this renewal, the facilitating committee for [City]’s efforts to engage the community in enhancing pollinator habitat.

 Habitat loss, pesticide use and climate change have led to declining pollinator populations around the world. Bee City USA, an initiative of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, brings communities together to sustain pollinators by creating and enhancing habitat, reducing pesticide use, and spreading awareness. Pollinators including bees, butterflies, moths, bats, and hummingbirds are responsible for the reproduction of 85% of the world's flowering plants and more than two-thirds of the world’s crop species.

 “Our [City] understood the importance of sustaining pollinators when we applied to become a Bee City USA affiliate in 20XX,” said [Mayor] \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. “I commend [Bee City USA committee name] for the impressive pollinator conservation work we completed last year.”

 According to [name], chair of [Bee City USA committee name], “We could not have accomplished \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ without the assistance of [department, individual,…]. They helped by [providing volunteers, providing supplies, promoting events, hosting events, enhancing habitat…].

 As [City] moves into its XX year of being a Bee City, there are many new opportunities for raising awareness of the vital role pollinators play in supporting our planet’s ecosystems and food systems. [Bee City USA committee name] looks forward to continuing [City]’s commitment to pollinator conservation in the coming year.

 To see [City]’s annual report along with those of other cities, visit http://beecityusa.org/annual-reports-city-2019.

 For more information about the nationwide work of Bee City USA visit [www.beecityusa.org](http://www.beecityusa.org). For more information about the Bee City USA affiliate in [City], contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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