

# Bee City USA - Arlington

Report on 2021

## Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

In 2021, the City's Water Utilities Department partnered with the Tarrant Regional Water District to create a 2.75-acre native plant and pollinator garden adjacent to Lake Arlington. The plan also includes 5 raised garden beds which will highlight specific plant groups such as native pollinator plants and these beds will be sponsored and maintained by outside groups. The Bee City committee will be sponsoring one bed beginning in 2022. There will be a 1,260 sq. ft. group event area, 1,200 linear feet of walking paths and a parking area.



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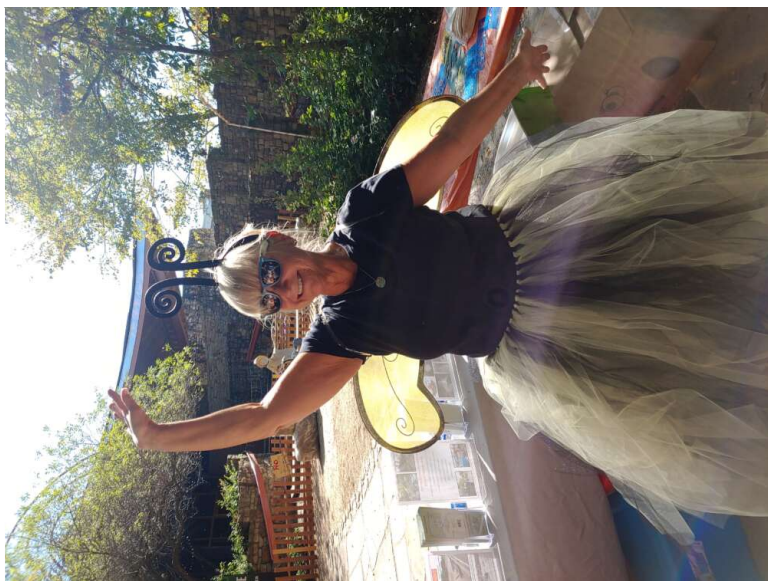
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## Education & Outreach

Due to Covid-19 most events for the year were still limited. However, Melissa Walker, Bee City liaison and Stormwater Educator along with Bee City committee member Zachary Chapman provided 2 pollinator education classes for 3rd and 4th grade students at the River Legacy Science Center's Summer Camp. 28 students attended the classes. Several events and volunteer opportunities are planned for the next fiscal year including attending the Fall Festival and hosting bioblitz events. The Arlington Mayor and City Council recognized National Pollinator Week on June 8th, 2021, with the Bee City committee in attendance. The Stormwater Educator also posted articles and social media posts to raise pollinator



awareness. This included articles on World Bee Day (5.20.21), National Pollinator Week (June 21-27, 2021), National Moth Week (July 17-25, 2021), and National Honey Bee Day (August 21, 2021). Articles were also posted during Texas Smartscape month. During this month, articles are posted to encourage residents to reduce their pesticide and fertilizer use and to landscape with native plants. The Stormwater Educator also maintains the City's Bee City Webpage at [www.arlingtontx.gov/beecityusa](http://www.arlingtontx.gov/beecityusa). The committee members help develop material for the site.



Bee City Committee Member - Linda Finley at Fall Festival



Bee City Committee Members - Zach and Elizabeth Holmer along with Linda Finley assisting kids with Mason Bee Homes

## Policies & Practices

The City still maintains policies and practices which promote pesticide reduction and pollinator friendly landscapes. These include the Parks and Recreation IPM program; the Design Criteria Manual and Unified Development Code for the business community; Parks and Recreation plant lists, Bee City website plant lists and the Zoning Board's approved plant list for new development; and Code Enforcement's Nuisance Ordinance.

**Integrated Pest Management Plan:** [COA IPM Update 2020.pdf](#)

**Recommended Native Plant List:** [UDC Plant-lists-approved.pdf](#)

[https://www.arlingtontx.gov/city\\_hall/departments/parks\\_recreation/parks\\_trails/forestry\\_and\\_beautification](https://www.arlingtontx.gov/city_hall/departments/parks_recreation/parks_trails/forestry_and_beautification)

**Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:** [Native Plant Suppliers List for North Central Texas.pdf](#)



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