

# Bee City USA - Apex

Report on 2022



## Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

Girl Scout Troop completed a Silver Project working with the Town of Apex and Bee City Committee to enhance the Pollinator Garden at Apex Nature Park.

*How many habitat projects did you help to create or enhance last year?*

1

*How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?*

1500

*How many volunteers helped with those projects?*

30

*Please check all that describe the habitats your affiliate helped to create or enhance last year with pollinator benefit in mind.*

- Flower garden
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting



Just many of the different plants we added to the pollinator garden!



Just a few of the new pollinator plants added to Pollinator Garden by Girl Scouts

## Education & Outreach

Earth Fest April 24, 2022 – Town of Apex Hosted My Garden of a Thousand Bees (movie and talk) May 11 – Committee Hosted Pollinator Garden Planting with Girl Scouts June (two weeks) – Committee Hosted

*How many pollinator-related events did your affiliate host or help with last year (in total)?*

3

*How many people attended those events (in total)?*

1500

*How many Bee City USA logo street signs have you installed to date (in total)?*

*Did your city council/county commission (highest elected body) issue a proclamation for National Pollinator Week last summer?*

Please note: this is now an optional activity.

- No



## Policies & Practices

Pollinator Garden at Apex Nature Park was installed and maintained with no pesticides. This demonstration garden will lead to future Town owned sites eliminating the use of all pesticides.

*Are efforts underway in your community to further reduce pesticide use in residential or business areas? This may include neighborhood-led efforts, outreach to landscapers, etc. If so, please describe.*

The Town of Apex is developing a plan to feature and award homeowners and HOAs for converting yard space to pollinator habitats. Part of the criteria for the recognition will be limited to no use of pesticides in the landscapes.

*In your city or campus, are any policy initiatives underway to further protect pollinators, people or waterways from pesticides?*  
New established Sustainability Division in the Town is currently working towards such initiatives.

*Please describe actions by your affiliate to attend training on ecologically-based Integrated Pest Management and/or to review IPM plans and programs considered of high quality by Bee City USA?*

Staff liaison to Bee City Committee attended an online seminar held by Bee City USA on IPM practices in 2022.

**Integrated Pest Management Plan:**

<http://www.apexnc.org/DocumentCenter/View/35310/Apex-Sustainability-Initiatives-Report---2021?bidId=>

**Recommended Native Plant List:** [Top-25-Plants-and-Suppliers-2.pdf](#)

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