Bee City USA - Bell Buckle
Report on 2022

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

Existing pollinator habitats were enhanced by adding pollinator plant seeds and plants to downtown beds and the bee garden. Native pollinator-friendly trees were planted in Bell Buckle Park. Transplanted bee pollinator plants from yards of residents who do not use pesticides to downtown beds and bee garden.

How many habitat projects did you help to create or enhance last year?
7

How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?
2000

How many volunteers helped with those projects?
20

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

- Flower garden

- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting

Education & Outreach

1. Tennessee friendly trees were planted in Bell Buckle Park to provide habitat for native birds and pollinators. 2. Bell Buckle hosted Daffodil Day in Bell Buckle to encourage propagation of varieties of daffodils for residents and visitors. 3. Tree giveaway was hosted on Bell Buckle Day for visitors to Bell Buckle for residents and visitors. 4. Five beds of pollinator plants were cleaned up and replanted/ reseeded after daffodils finished blooming. 5. Bell Buckle Bee Garden was cleared of weeds and seeded with pollinator friendly plant seeds. Bee Balm and other pollinator friendly plants were planted in the bee garden. 6. Bee friendly plants were given away in downtown Bell Buckle to residents and visitors.

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)?
1000

How many Bee City USA logo street signs have you installed to date (in total)?
4

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.

- Yes

Policies & Practices

The city of Bell Buckle does not use pesticides to eliminate unwanted weeds or invasive plants. They are pulled by the roots, cut down with weedeaters, or sprayed with cleaning vinegar to eliminate them

What actions have you taken to make pest management practices more pollinator-friendly?

- Implemented or maintained a written IPM plan

- Avoided use of pesticides in public sites containing designated pollinator habitat or other sensitive features (except when targeted use is deemed the best option for invasive or noxious weed, insect or disease management)

- Distributed educational materials to residents or students to encourage the reduction or elimination of pesticide use

- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds using "Buying Bee-Safe Plants" methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants)

- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds that were not treated with neonicotinoids

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.
Each year, at Daffodil Day, written information is provided to visitors on the harm of using pesticides and using companion planting to improve the health of gardens. Visitors are also provided with information on the crisis of losing pollinators.

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In your city or campus, are any policy initiatives underway to further protect pollinators, people or waterways from pesticides?
not at this time

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?

Integrated Pest Management Plan: ipm_fact_sheet.pdf

Recommended Native Plant List: brochure_tdot_pollinators.pdf
https://www.picktnproducts.org/listview/native-plants.html
Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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