

# Bee City USA - Bethania

Report on 2022



## Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

We planted 50+ Elderberry plants and also maintained the town historic garden in the town office courtyard. Also continue to maintain 4 bee hives in one of our fields with the help of two member of the Forsyth County Bee Association. Two of the Town Commissioners are taking bee keeping classes to become certified Bee Keeper in NC. This will allow the town to help to maintain our town bees and to encourage more collaboration with other members of bee keeping groups.

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

2

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

200

*How many volunteers helped with those projects?*

6

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

- Meadow
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting
- Other



## Education & Outreach

We hosted a planting event with volunteers and town elected members in the early summer in tandem with the Forsyth County Extension Service to plant 50+ elderberry plants along our Black Walnut trail to encourage butterfly and bee populations. We also hosted various organizations (Piedmont Land Conservancy, Audubon Society and other organizations) for on-site meetings and trail walks to encourage the importance of native habitat conservation. The town also held its annual Black Walnut Festival in September 2022 and had representatives of Audubon, PLC and other environmental groups set up booths and give talks and walks of the trails and habitat of Bethania. Also had beekeeping demonstrations and talks to explain the importance of a natural healthy landscape.

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

5

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

500

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

3

*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



bee hive demo at Black Walnut Festival 9/2022

## Policies & Practices

The town contracts with lawn service to cut grass for town property. We currently discourage the use of any pesticide or herbicide for this service.

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

- 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)
- 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>)

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.

This is an area we will expand on once a full time volunteer center manager is employed.

In your city or campus, are any policy initiatives underway to further protect pollinators, people or waterways from pesticides?

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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?

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Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List: [Recommended Native Pollinator Plants.docx](#)

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [Native Plant Supplier List.docx](#)

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