Bee Campus USA - Blackburn College

Report on 2022

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

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

3

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

20000

How many volunteers helped with those projects?

12

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

- Vegetable garden
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting
- Roadside/rights of way planting

Education & Outreach

First was campus beautification where alumni, current students, and community members worked to plant many pollinator friendly plants on campus and help with needed maintenance of current trees/plants. Second event was during homecoming where we did campus tours of sustainability and did a demonstration of setting up our campus observation hive.

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

2

How many people attended those events (in total)?
50

Courses & Continuing Education

Botany, Ecology, Sustainable Forestry all cover pollinators and are all four credit hour courses in our curriculum. Both Botany and Ecology are required of all Biology Majors.

How many of your for-credit courses included pollinator-related information last year?
2

How many students attended those for-credit courses?
20

Service-Learning

Educational Signage

Policies & Practices

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)
- Implemented non-chemical pest prevention and management methods on city or campus grounds
- Eliminated pesticide uses that are solely to maintain aesthetics on city or campus grounds

- Reduced the total area of city or campus-managed lands to which pesticides are applied
- Eliminated use of neonicotinoid insecticides on city or campus grounds
- 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

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

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: Blackburn - IPM PEST MANAGEMENT, 2019.pdf

Recommended Native Plant List: Blackburn plant list 2020.pdf

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: Native Plant Suppliers.pdf

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