

Bee City USA - Carrboro

Report on 2022



Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

Staff worked with an Eagle Scout to plant native pollinator-friendly trees in Henry "Hank" Anderson III Community Park for his Eagle Scout Project. Staff also planted twelve butterfly milkweed plants near the native trees. The Town participated in No Mow May, implemented No Mow Zones throughout two Town parks (<https://townofcarrboro.org/2695/Grow-Zones>), and created a rain garden with pollinator-friendly plants at Town Hall (<https://www.carrboronc.gov/2749/Town-Hall-Rain-Garden>). The Town also held a volunteer invasive species removal event in Carrboro's Wilson Park.

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?

72745

How many volunteers helped with those projects?

11

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

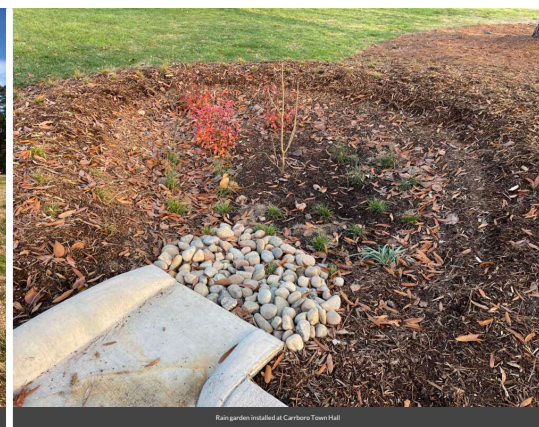
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species
- Meadow
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting



A No Mow area in Carrboro's Henry "Hank" Anderson III Community Park for No Mow May



A No Mow Zone in Carrboro's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park



Rain garden installed at Carrboro Town Hall

Education & Outreach

Town of Carrboro staff collaborated with the Carrboro Farmers' Market for a kids pollinator activity as part of their Market Bunch event series. Children were invited to make their own bee hotels using recyclable materials and color pollinator pictures. Staff also gave out free native wildflower seeds to attendees. The Town also held a free screening of the film, *My Garden of a Thousand Bees*, filmed and narrated by Martin Dohrn. In addition, members of one of Carrboro's advisory boards, the Climate Action Team, held two pollinator garden tours during Pollinator Week to help educate residents about the importance of pollinators and native plants.

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

4

How many people attended those events (in total)?

121

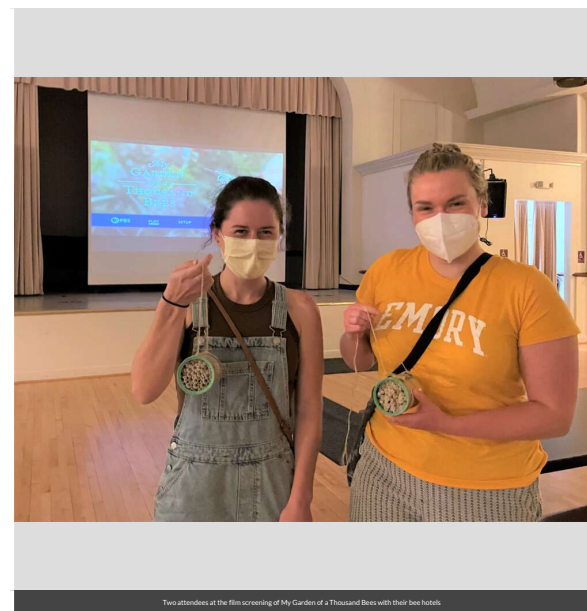
How many Bee City USA logo street signs have you installed to date (in total)?

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



Two attendees at the film screening of My Garden of a Thousand Bees with their bee hotels.



Children at the Carrboro Farmers' Market making their own bee hotels.



Volunteers working to plant trees for an Eagle Scout Project at Henry "Hank" Anderson III Community Park.

Policies & Practices

The Town of Carrboro's integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Plant Health Care (PHC) policy and program are a combined comprehensive approach that gives priority to the prevention and management of pests including insects, weeds, and plant disease, through a proactive strategy. This strategy involves the thorough examination of all pest control methods available, starting with the least toxic methods first if feasible. The policy reduces the environmental health risk to municipal employees, visitors, and Town residents. It helps protect the environment and results in greater safety of public grounds, buildings, and sports fields, reduced exposure to chemical pesticides by those engaged in pest management, and acts as an example to residents and others.

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

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.

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: [Town of Carrboro Updated IPM Policy 2017.pdf](#)

Recommended Native Plant List:

<https://www.townofcarrboro.org/778/Landscaping-and-Plants>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

<https://www.townofcarrboro.org/778/Landscaping-and-Plants>

LEAST TOXIC INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) AND PLANT HEALTH CARE (PHC)

Town of Carrboro

IPM Policy Adopted March 2, 1999 (Updated April 2017)

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Town of Carrboro's Least Toxic Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Plant Health Care (PHC) Policy

Learn More



Signs from a pollinator garden tour held by a member of Carrboro's Climate Action Team