

Bee City USA - Clarkson

Report on 2022



Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

The City of Clarkson did not do any pollinator creation or enhancement events during 2022. However, we did begin collaborating with the Public Trails Association of Grayson County in the fall of 2022 to discuss creating a pollinator garden between the walking and nature trails at our City Park for the spring of 2023. In February 2023 it was decided that the City of Clarkson and the volunteer Public Trails group will partner to create a pollinator garden at our City Park and host a dedication ceremony on Saturday, June 3, 2023, to correspond with National Trails Day. The Public Trails Association will host be hosting a Trails Day event at the City Park on that date and we will tie in the pollinator garden dedication. The Clarkson City Commission/Bee City USA Committee has already approved the purchase of plants, mulch, and fertilizer for the pollinator garden. One of our City Commissioners has already volunteered to till up the space at the park for the garden and other city and community volunteers will help to plant the flowers and plants.

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

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

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How many volunteers helped with those projects?

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

- Other



Wooden bees with various positive sayings are placed around Clarkson each year for the annual Honeyfest.



Honeyfest decorations on a telephone pole in front of Clarkson City Hall.

Education & Outreach

We celebrated Pollinator Week the last week of September during the City's annual Clarkson Honeyfest. The Honeyfest celebrates the City of Clarkson's ties to the beekeeping industry. We are home to the Kelley Beekeeping Company, one of the largest manufacturers of bee-keeping supplies in the country. Also, our annual Honeyfest has been declared Kentucky's "Official State Honey Festival" by the Kentucky General Assembly. Clarkson has also been proclaimed the "Honey Bee Capital of Kentucky" by the Kentucky General Assembly. In 2022, we asked the Governor to once again issue a proclamation celebrating bees and pollinators by declaring the month of September as "Honey Month" in Kentucky. And the Clarkson City Commission issued a proclamation declaring August 20, 2022 as "Honey Bee Awareness Day" in the City. At the City's annual Honeyfest last year, there were several local vendors on hand selling honey and other pollinators related food items.

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

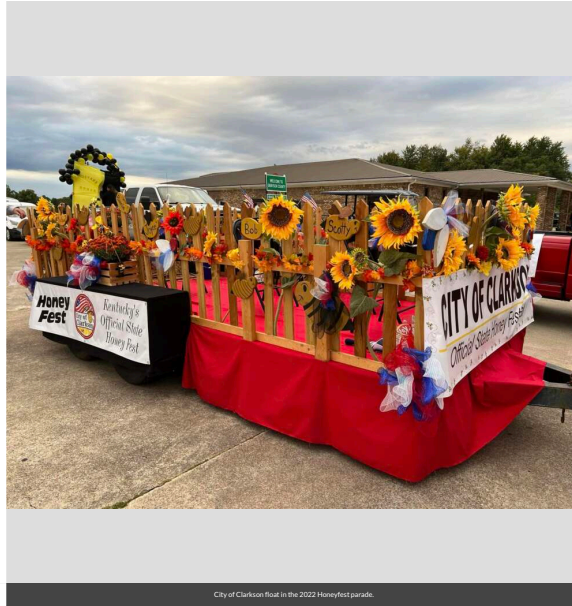
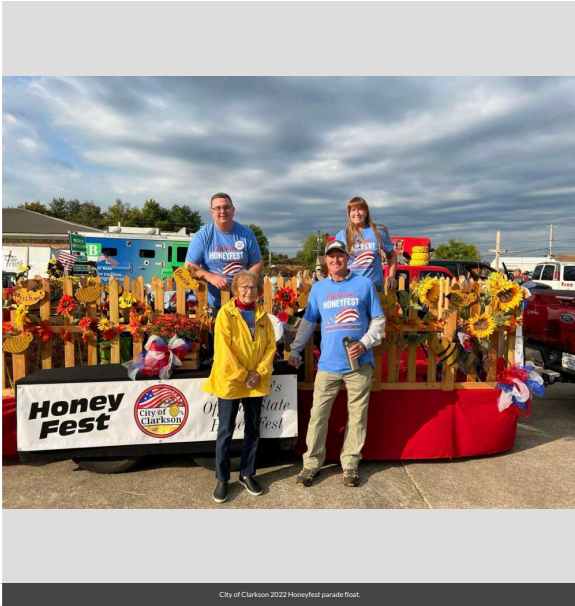
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How many Bee City USA logo street signs have you installed to date (in total)?

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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

We have limited the areas where we spray weed killer and other pesticides on City-owned property.

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)
- Restricted pesticides used to organic pesticides on city or campus grounds

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.

No.

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?

We do what we can with regards to training, however we are small community and do not have a lot of volunteers at the moment.

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

https://www.kyagr.com/statevet/documents/OSV_Bee_KY-Pollinator-Pro-Plan.pdf

Recommended Native Plant List:

<http://www.plantnative.org/rpl-kytn.htm>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

<https://www.knps.org/native-plant-suppliers-service-providers-listing/>



The backside of the City of Clarkson 2022 Honeyfest parade float.

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