

# Bee City USA - Dawsonville

Report on 2022



## Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

An additional four 8' x 4' raised beds were built and created by members of the DCWC and city workers. Three of these beds were installed at the county Farmers Market and dedicated to the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail. The fourth bed was established at the Dawson County Library along with a vegetable garden.

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

6

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

6000

*How many volunteers helped with those projects?*

14

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

- Flower garden
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species
- Pollinator-friendly lawn (with flowering clover, dandelions...)
- Herb garden
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- School garden
- Other



New beds at the county library hosted a variety of native plants.



The Woman's Club sign is placed at each Pollinator Spot.



Children were welcomed to plant some of our pollinator plants at the library.

## Education & Outreach

The Dawson County Woman's Club maintained the small gardens in downtown Dawsonville throughout the year. On June 25, 2022, as a culmination of Pollinator Week, a Pollinator Tour was offered for the general public to learn about pollinator plants and the insects that need them. Two Parks were on the tour, each having many examples of preferred plants. These Parks and seven smaller Pollinator Spots were highlighted in the local newspaper. In addition, three members of the DCWC prepared and hosted visitors to their pollinator gardens in their own landscapes. These were the highlight of the Tour, having stunning examples of plants, literature, free plants and seeds for visitors. Handouts were available at all Pollinator Tour sites.

*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)?*

251

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

5

*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.*

- No



Thirty five guests participated in the Pollinator Tour in June 2022 by visiting our home



Plants for Monarchs are especially displayed at the Rosalynn Carter garden.

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## Policies & Practices

We are working on this for the City and County.

*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.*

**yes, but slowly**

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

**no**

*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?*

**not yet**

**Integrated Pest Management Plan:**

**Recommended Native Plant List:** [RECOMMENDED NATIVE PLANTS FOR GEORGIA.docx](#)

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

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