

Bee City USA - Florence

Report on 2022



Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

We have not created any pollinator habitats yet, but have two projects in the works for 2023-2024.

Education & Outreach

Our committee hosted a Bee City Takeover during our local Farmers Market during National Pollinator Week. We had four beekeepers present with observation hives and local honey for sale, a local greenhouse and a Master Gardeners program with a state university present selling pollinator-friendly plants, our local litter clean-up and beautification group, and a food safety representative talking about foods that pollinators make possible. The event was free to attend and along with visiting these vendors, attendees could also take part in creating a mini pollinator-themed mural that is displayed at the market, a pollinator-themed scavenger hunt, and creating a bee-themed tote bag. Our City's Mayor also spoke at the event and presented the National Pollinator Week proclamation.

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

1

How many people attended those events (in total)?

900

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.

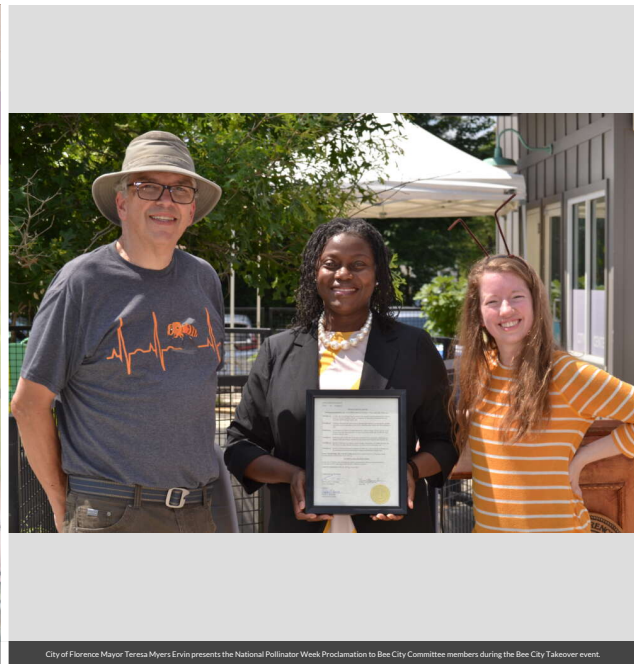
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Attendees of the Florence Bee City Takeover event take a closer look at the Pee Dee Beekeepers Association's observation bee hive.



Attendees of the Florence Bee City Takeover event pose with the Bee City Mural as part of a pollinator-themed scavenger hunt.



City of Florence Mayor Teresa Myers Ervin presents the National Pollinator Week Proclamation to Bee City Committee members during the Bee City Takeover event.

Policies & Practices

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, our committee's next task is to start educating the public on reducing pesticide use.

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

Yes, our committee's next task is to work with the City's Public Works Department on reducing pesticide use.

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:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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