

Bee City USA - Greenfield

Report on 2022



Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

Greenfield's committee planted additional native flowers at the Kulwicki Pollinator Habitat site and also added a small milkweed planting at the project site. Greenfield's City Forester only plants native tree species in the City, ensuring that the environment is welcoming to pollinators. Greenfield has an ongoing invasive species removal program. The largest invasive specie removal project in 2022 occurred at Konkel Park. The invasive specie removal made way for an exciting stream restoration project where native plants and trees will be planted: <https://thehoneycreek.org/plan>

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

1

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

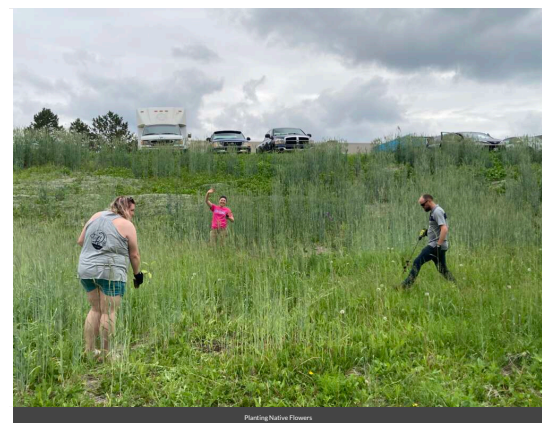
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How many volunteers helped with those projects?

10

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

- Flower garden
- Meadow
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting



Education & Outreach

Greenfield's Pollinator Protection Committee hosted 4 pollinator education booths at the Greenfield Farmers Market. At these booths, residents can ask questions, take educational handouts, sign up for the committee's newsletter and take free pollinator flower seed packets. The committee also hosted two special events including a Nature & Forestry Fest and World Migratory Bird Day where attendees learn about the importance of various pollinators, make art, win pollinator-friendly raffle prizes, play games and do other activities.

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

8

How many people attended those events (in total)?

600

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

6

*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



Policies & Practices

The City of Greenfield has reduced mowing and pesticide usage in many areas of our City Parks. The Urban Planning Department promotes native landscaping when working with incoming developers. Greenfield's City Forester reviews landscaping plans and recommends plant varieties. The pollinator committee distributes educational materials to residents about reducing pesticide use on private properties.

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)
- Distributed educational materials to residents or students to encourage the reduction or elimination of pesticide use
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds that were not treated with neonicotinoids
- Encouraged developers and private landscapers to source plants that were not treated with neonicotinoids

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?
Greenfield was the first municipality in Milwaukee County to promote No Mow May, which encourages residents to mow less often and/or stop mowing portions of lawn in the month of May and at the same time reduce or eliminate pesticide usage. Greenfield is partnering with Midwest Grows Green to promote pollinator friendly efforts and create awareness about the dangers of pesticide usage.

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:

<https://www.ci.greenfield.wi.us/DocumentCenter/View/6519/Recommended-Native-Plant-List>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

<https://www.ci.greenfield.wi.us/DocumentCenter/View/6520/Recommended-Native-Plant-Supplier>

Learn More

<https://www.ci.greenfield.wi.us/865/Pollinator-Friendly-Community>



Greenfield Pollinator Protection Committee's Holiday Gathering (work hard play hard!)