

# Bee City USA - Hampton

Report on 2022



## Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

Pollinator plants at community center, waterfront park and replanting/refreshing plantings in existing pollinator gardens. Moved and refreshed pollinator garden at a community garden and added pollinator and herb plants to gardens.

*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?*

400

*How many volunteers helped with those projects?*

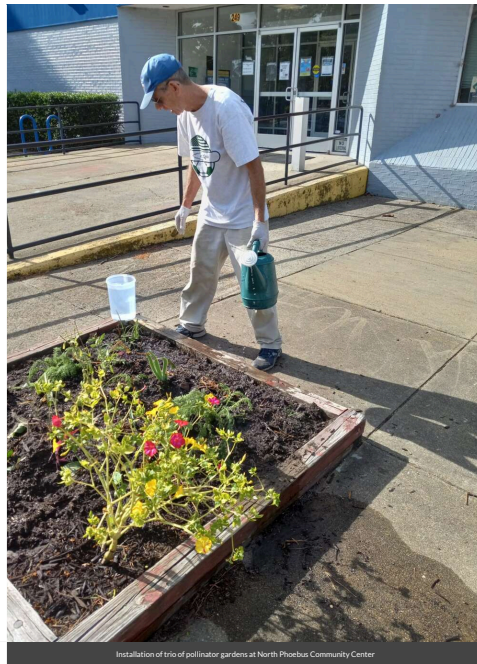
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*Please check all that describe the habitats your affiliate helped to create or enhance last year with pollinator benefit in mind.*

- Flower garden
- Vegetable garden
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
 Bees have straw-like tongues called a proboscis so they can suck up liquids and also mandibles so they can chew.



Installation of trio of pollinator gardens at North Phoebus Community Center



Verge pollinator planting.

Hampton.org/Bees 181-222-1130 1201 Thomas St, Hampton, VA 23669  
 Facebook @HamptonCleanCityCommission Twitter @CleanCityDelAve Instagram @HamptonCommunity

BC USA-Hampton display at Earth Day Festival

## Education & Outreach

1. Pollinator gardening webinar series sponsored by Bee City USA – Hampton – monthly 7-8 pm, January 20 – July 21 (Host)
2. Earth Day – Bee City USA – Hampton booth with educational materials & children's activities at Hampton Clean City Commission Earth Day event (Co-host)
3. Invited talk on pollinators by Barb Abraham for the Kingsmill Garden Club on March 15
4. Bee City USA – Hampton Committee monthly meetings January – September + November
5. Invited talk on pollinators by Barb Abraham for the Peninsula Networking Exchange on March 17
6. Talk on native bees by Barb Abraham for Shored Up's "Birds, Bees, & Trees" event on June 18
7. Elizabeth Lakes Tree Tour on May 15, partly led by Barb Abraham
8. Bee City USA- Hampton committee members decorated a pollinator themed Christmas tree for the city's WonderWalk in December.
9. Podcast #172 of Lisa Mason Ziegler & Rhonda Graves' "Bug Talk" : Native Bees by Barb Abraham
10. Pollinator garden Certification program certified 12 gardens in 2022.
11. Bee City USA – Hampton sponsored a Pollinator Week booth & plant sale at Buckroe Beach Farmer's Market on June 25
12. A.J. Banwell is renovating a bee hive at Bluebird Gap Farm in Hampton.
13. Pollinator webinar series of 7 hour long presentations by members
14. Members produced a video of bees in a hive for World Bee Day.
15. Member outreach included a thermal scan of a home which found 2 bee nests in interior walls.
16. Bee City Hampton members participated in an Earth Day event.
17. Members built and planted a pollinator bed at YH Thomas center with elementary students.
18. Members planted pollinator plants as part of the establishment of Phoebus Waterfront Park.
19. Marketing campaign via social media to increase awareness.

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

How many people attended those events (in total)?

275

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

1

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

All community gardens and their pollinator gardens are pesticide free. Educated gardeners about pesticides and herbicides, providing safe options for their use.

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 using “Buying Bee-Safe Plants” methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants>)
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds 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.*

**Not at this time.**

*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?*

**BC team members that are Master Gardeners attend MG education classes.**

**Integrated Pest Management Plan:** [COH Public Works IPM Plan.docx](#)

**Recommended Native Plant List:** [Brochure - Revised 9-10-20.docx](#)

[https://hampton.gov/DocumentCenter/View/30382/Native-Pollinator-Plants\\_DG?bidId=](https://hampton.gov/DocumentCenter/View/30382/Native-Pollinator-Plants_DG?bidId=)

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

<https://vnps.org/view/native-plant-nurseries/>

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