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?
9

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
Education & Outreach


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=

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: Native Plant Nurseries.docx
https://vnps.org/view/native-plant-nurseries/

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