

Bee Campus USA - Illinois Wesleyan University

Report on 2022

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

WE HOSTED A CULTURAL FOOD FESTIVAL AND SEVERAL BONFIRES. WE REMOVED SOD TO CREATE THE NURSERY AND TO ADD NEW GRAPE PLANTS AND TRELLIS. WE ALSO ADDED A SCREECH OWL BOX AND A WREN HOUSE. THE PLANT NURSERY WAS A GOOD WAY TO GROW NATIVE AND MEDICINAL VARIETIES WITHOUT HAVING TO PURCHASE EXPENSIVE BARE ROOT. WE ARE TRANSPLANTING LAST YEAR'S STARTS THIS SPRING AND WILL SEED ANOTHER COHORT IN THE NURSERY FOR NEXT YEAR. WE HAVE A SECOND GRANT PROPOSAL IN THE WORKS AND WILL ADD ONTO THE NURSERY AND POLLINATOR GARDEN IN THE SPRING OF 2023—SO THE WORK IN 2022 WAS FOUNDATIONAL.

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?

1000

How many volunteers helped with those projects?

4

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

Education & Outreach

WE HELD TWO HONEY HARVEST EVENTS AND SEVERAL BEE INSPECTIONS. THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION HELD SEVERAL EVENTS AS DID THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY. WE DID NOT HOST ANY OF THESE EVENTS BUT WE OFFERED TO HOST THE CIBA BEEKEEPING 101 WORKSHOP ON CAMPUS AND WE ARE SUBMITTING A GRANT TO THE INPS THIS SPRING.

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

2

How many people attended those events (in total)?

25



Courses & Continuing Education



Service-Learning

WE HAD TWO EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS AT THE PEACE GARDEN IN 2022. ONE WAS TO RE-BUILD THE BOWERY TO MAKE IT WINDPROOF. THAT PROJECTS WAS SUCCESSUL AND IS COMPLETED. THE SECOND, IS ONGOING, IS PRODUCING 4-6 LEOPPOLD BENCHES FOR OUR BOWERY AND FIREPIT AREA. THE LEOPOLD BENCHES CAN BE USED FOR BIRD WATCHING. WE HAD FOUR STUDENTS JOIN THE SUGAR CREEK STEWARDS IN HABITAT RESOTRATION PROOJECTS ALONG SUGAR CREEK, ONE TIME IN NORMAL AND ONE TIME IN BLOOMINGTON.

How many service-learning projects did your campus host and/or support to enhance pollinator habitat on and off-campus?

2

How many students participated in service-learning projects last year to enhance pollinator habitat on or off-campus?

4



Sugar Creek Stewards

Educational Signage

WE GOT THE PEACE GARDEN SIGN UP. IT INCLUDES REFERENCES TO THE BERTHOFF APIARY AND THE STUTZMAN OUTDOOR CLASSROOM.

Number of permanent interpretive/educational/Bee Campus USA signs installed to date?

3

Number of temporary interpretive/educational/Bee Campus USA signs installed last year?

1



Peace garden sign, July 2022

Policies & Practices

WE PLANTED RYE GRASS IN THE FALL ON SEVERAL OF OUR PLANTING BEDS TO PREVENT SOIL EROSION. WE CREATED A SOLAR POWER PLAN FOR THE GARDEN IN THE SPRING OF 2020 AND SUCCEEDED IN GETTING THE IWU STUDENT SENATE TO COMMIT TO FUND IT IN THE FALL OF 2020. THE PROJECT SHOULD BE COMPLETED

IN THE SPRING OF 2023.

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

WE HAD A STUDENT INTERN COMPLETE A WATER TESTING STUDY OF THE GARDEN. NO HARMFUL BACTERIA FOUND IN OUR RAIN BARRELS, THOUGH WE DID FIND TRACES OF E-COLI IN OUR CISTERN.

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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