

Bee City USA - Laurel Park

Report on 2022



Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

Laurel Park Bee City hosted four pollinator events in 2022. 1. Planted rhododendrons in Rhododendron Park in Laurel Park as part of Arbor Day 2022 celebrations. 2. Created new planting beds in Canal Park in which pollinator plants will be installed in 2023. 3. Planted about 200 new plants with a focus on pollination in Laurel Green in October 2023. 4. Planted about 100 plants with a focus on pollination in Laurel Green in November 2023.

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

5

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

301

How many volunteers helped with those projects?

40

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

- Flower garden
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting

Education & Outreach

Laurel Park Bee City hosted six pollinator events in 2022. 1. Planted rhododendrons in Rhododendron Park in Laurel Park as part of Arbor Day 2022 celebrations. 2. Created new planting beds in Canal Park in which pollinator plants will be installed in 2023. 3. Hosted a community event that included a local beekeeper who discussed with attendees the importance of pollinators and habitats. We provided written information and the opportunity to buy bee-centric products, including local honey. 4. Planted about 200 new plants with a focus on pollination in Laurel Green in October 2022. 5.

Planted about 100 plants with a focus on pollination in second section in Laurel Green in November 2022. 6. Conducted informational workshop on invasive vine and species removal.

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

6

How many people attended those events (in total)?

75

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

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



Installation of the Christmas tree bed during the first installment of plants in Laurel Green on October 24, 2022

Policies & Practices

Laurel Park has discontinued and/or curtailed use of herbicides and pesticides in areas intentionally planted and designated for pollination. The town also had an informational meeting on integrative pest management in 2022 and will continue to discuss how best to proceed with more habitat protective practices.

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)**
- **Reduced the total area of city or campus-managed lands to which pesticides are applied**
- **Restricted pesticides used to organic pesticides on city or campus grounds**

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.

No, discussions have been limited to town property so far.

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

No

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?

Several local bee city volunteers attended a workshop on integrated pest management as a base for further work and discussion on this topic.

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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