

Bee City USA - Martinsville

Report on 2022



Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

Observation hive at Farmer's Market; Created Monarch way station and native bee houses; Pollinator garden planted; Project with middle school students made bee boxes and pollinator water fountains; Planted a clover field on an abandoned city lot; Planted annuals and perennials to attract pollinators around school.

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?

How many volunteers helped with those projects?

15

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

- Flower garden
- Meadow
- Pollinator-friendly lawn (with flowering clover, dandelions...)
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- School garden

Education & Outreach

Pollinator program at the library; Observation hive at Farmer's Market; Created Monarch way station and native bee houses; Pollinator garden planted; Project with middle school students made bee boxes and pollinator water fountains; Planted a clover field on an abandoned city lot; Organized bee themed uptown window display contest with bee themed cookies, cocktails, food, and local honey provided; Pollinator themed mural completed at Farmer's Market by local students; pollinator barn quilt class hosted by Piedmont Arts; Pollinator day with free admission at the VA Museum of Natural History; Pollinator theme organized for opening day of Farmer's Market; YMCA foot race encouraged bee

costumes; Historic garden week tour with pollinator theme; April plant days educated elementary students on pollinators; Planted annuals and perennials to attract pollinators around school.

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

15

How many people attended those events (in total)?

20

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.

- Yes

Policies & Practices

City public works staff are assisting in our pollinator efforts by decreasing mowing if allowable and limiting use of pesticides on city 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)**
- **Eliminated pesticide uses that are solely to maintain aesthetics on city or campus grounds**
- **Reduced the total area of city or campus-managed lands to which pesticides are applied**
- **Distributed educational materials to residents or students to encourage the reduction or elimination of pesticide use**

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.

Outreach and education efforts via information booths at local events has allowed disbursement of information

encouraging residents to reduce pesticide use and their mowing.

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

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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