

Bee City USA - Mount Vernon

Report on 2022



Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

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?

100

How many volunteers helped with those projects?

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
- Rain garden/bioswale

Education & Outreach

We are actively considering a No Mow May for this spring.

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

1

How many people attended those events (in total)?

100

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

2

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

What actions have you taken to make pest management practices more pollinator-friendly?

- Implemented or maintained a written IPM plan
- 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)
- Implemented non-chemical pest prevention and management methods 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.

Goats were brought in to maintain a heavily wooded area on a steep incline that had noxious weeds on the Cornell College campus.

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

Yes, with the consideration of No Mow May.

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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