

Bee City USA - Scottsville

Report on 2022



Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

For the Pollinator Garden, the Town of Scottsville helps maintain the property through maintenance that includes watering and proper weeding and maintenance. The Scottsville Center for Arts and Nature hosts two beehives on their SCAN Land within Scottsville, Siller Pollinator Company manages both hives with the names: "Bee-Eagle 1" and "SCAN1" hives. The maintenance of the hives is done by checking in on their health and care take to improve growth. During May 2022, a SCAN Land hive inspection reported the addition of new beetle traps and the rearranging of frames to encourage brood growth. Goals for the next visit included monitoring honey production and ensuring the hive has empty comb available for eggs. In addition, the SCAN Land is maintained by a local landscape expert to help maintain the wildness of the area, with once-a-year mowing to help provide space and time for native plants to grow to promote an environment for the bees.

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

3

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

566280

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
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Other



Via SCAN's adopt a hive program, NECTARSHARE, hives are taken care of to promote growth

Education & Outreach

For the Pollinator Festival on June 25, 2022 the Scottsville Center for Arts and Nature, a committee member, held with Siller Pollinator Company a Pollinator Day which including programing like: "Bee Keeping 101", "Pressing Flora", and a "Native Plant Identification Walk". The Pollinator Festival, in addition to education programing included a honey competition and pollinator friendly cupcakes. In total the programing included 8 workshops/classes. The 'We Love Bees!' event was held at Scottsville at the local library and on June 14th, 2022 consisted of a Beekeeping Q&A and a screening of the documentary "My Garden of a Thousand Bees". In addition to these outreach events, the Scottsville Center for Arts

and Nature hosts two beehives on their SCAN Land within Scottsville, Siller Pollinator Company manages both hives with the names: “Bee-Eagle 1” and “SCAN 1” hives.

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

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How many people attended those events (in total)?

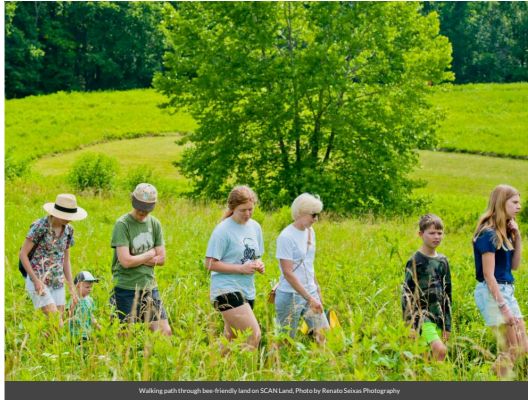
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How many Bee City USA logo street signs have you installed to date (in total)?

3

*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

Scottsville Town has focused the maintenance staff to promote pollinator friendly pest management in town parks, the Town has transitioned to the use of pollinator friendly weedkillers, clover extract. The Weedkiller is only used, when necessary, with the use of weed pulling. In addition, the Town Maintenance staff supports the parks with pest control that avoids harming bees.

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)

- Implemented non-chemical pest prevention and management methods on city or campus grounds
- Restricted pesticides used to organic pesticides on city or campus grounds
- 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.

Town Maintenance staff only uses clover extract for weedkilling, a pollinator friendly weedkiller with a focus on weed maintenance that avoids herbicides. In addition, the SCAN Land, which houses two hives, limits mowing to once a year as to promote natural growth and maintain walkability of the site for education on nature while also supporting a wildness to the land that is a habitat for bees.

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

Currently the city does not hold policy initiatives to around pesticides, but our town staff is guided to limit use and only use bee friendly pesticides, when necessary, local non-profit partners focus on the maintenance of the James River support a cleaner river.

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:

<https://www.albemarle.org/government/facilities-environmental-services/environmental-services/native-plants>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [Piedmont+Native+Plant+Guide+-+April+2016.pdf](#)

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