

# Bee City USA - Triton College

## Report on 2022



### Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

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

- Flower garden
- Herb garden
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- School garden

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

During 2024, the Bee Campus Committee here at Triton is committed to improving campus policies to further protect pollinators. Educational events and materials will be developed to communicate the dangers that pesticides pose to the environment and its elements. These efforts will expand beyond just the Triton College community as we strive to encourage nearby community members to reduce or eliminate pesticide use to protect pollinators, people, and waterways.

*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?*

The Bee Campus Committee here at Triton hopes to develop several action steps related to IPM. These actions will include attending trainings for ecologically-based Integrated Pest Management, including online seminars such as those offered through the EPA.gov website. Other actions will be a comprehensive review and discussion of IPM and pesticide application on campus.

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### Education & Outreach

In July, Triton College partnered with a local garden club (Elmwood Park Garden Club) to host an open house of the Triton Botanical Garden. The event was attended by Elmwood Park Garden Club members, horticulture staff at Triton College, students from Triton College, and other community members. It was a wonderful opportunity for Triton to showcase its Botanical Garden and its wonderful offerings, including its pollinator gardens.

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

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*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.*

*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
- Eliminated pesticide uses that are solely to maintain aesthetics 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.*



The Members of the  
Elmwood Park  
Garden Club  
invite you to join us at  
Triton College Farm  
& Botanical Garden  
for an  
Open House!



Saturday July 15th  
10:00am til Noon  
Club Members: Free  
Guests: \$5 Donation



This flyer, posted to the Elmwood Park Garden Club Facebook page, describes the July event that championed pollinators and pollinator habitat at the Triton College Farm and Botanical Garden!

This photo from the event shows Horticulture Assistant, Coordinator of Special Projects Douglas W. Peck welcoming guests to the Botanical Garden and offering plants/herbs grown locally at the Triton Farm.

## Policies & Practices

Triton College utilizes the Anderson Pest Solutions Integrated Pest Management Plan System. This plan outlines a way to eliminate regular pesticide application and instead seek alternative methods for pest management. The IPM plan details escalation procedures utilized once a pest has been identified. The first steps are always non-invasive and pollinator-friendly, never relying on chemical application. Methods such as rodenticides and insecticide sprays will only be used when absolutely necessary and with regard to human and environmental health.

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [Anderson Pest Control 1.1 IPM Program.pdf](#)

Recommended Native Plant List: [Native Plants at Triton College.pdf](#)

<https://www.triton.edu/greening-the-campus-committee/>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [PM20.pdf](#)

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