

Bee City USA - Washington

Report on 2022

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

We have been working to maintain the meadows that we have created as well as the restoration of Kingman Island. Over the last few years there has been a lot of work put into removing the invasive plants that account for much of the vegetation on Kingman Island. This is also where we held our Pollinator Festival, adjacent to our native plant meadow. We also partner with the National Park Service that manages large parks in the District. This includes Rock Creek Park that has a weed warrior program.

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

- **Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species**
- **Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement**

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?

Education & Outreach

DOEE Sponsored Pollinator Events - Earth Day Native Pollinator Plant Giveaway: over 1,000 seed packets given away at Metro stations - Pollinator Festival: event to celebrate and recognize the pollinators that call the District home. Held at Kingman Island Non-DOEE events Shepard Park Garden Tour: handed out seeds and information to residents about the importance of pollinators and how to use pesticides responsibly. Mount Pleasant Library: Talk about pollinators and highlighted the species found in the District and how to support them. Also made "seed bombs" with kids OSSE: Spoke to educators about pollinators and how to support them in school gardens. Capital Nature: Gave a presentation about pollinators in the District how to support them as well as how to manage mosquitoes without harming pollinators. DC State Fair: Gave out seeds and spoke to attendees about pollinators in the District and how to help them and the importance of using pesticides responsibly.

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

7

How many people attended those events (in total)?

550

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.

- **No**

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

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

How many volunteers helped with those projects?

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

- **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.

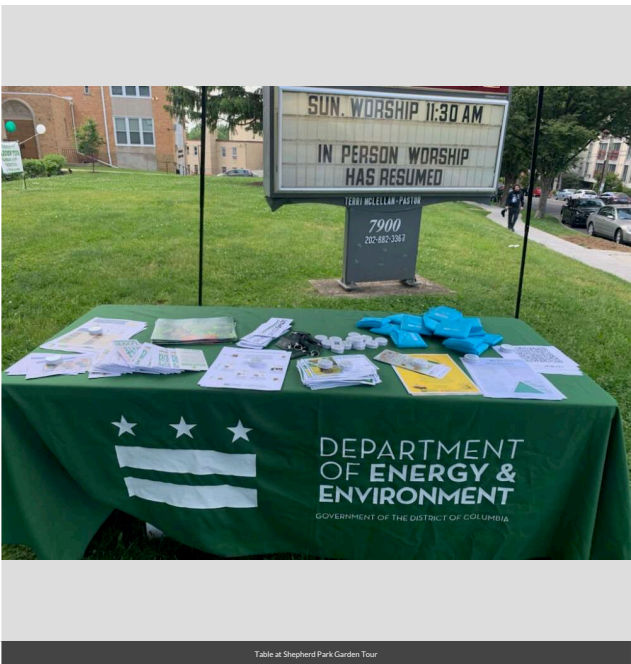


Table at Shepherd Park Garden Tour



Pollinator Festival



Kingman Island

Policies & Practices

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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