

Bee Campus USA - Owens Community College Findlay

Report on 2023



Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

Please describe pollinator habitat creation or enhancement projects in your community in 2023, and whether your committee hosted them or not.

Eagle Scout Project in the Summer of 2023. Four hundred square feet of pollinator habitat was planned and planted by a local Boyscout for his Eagle project. The pollinator garden is located close to the campus beehives.

How many habitat projects did you help to create or enhance in 2023?

2

How many people (staff, volunteers, students, partners, etc.) helped with those projects?

30

How many projects benefit monarchs, milkweed, or nectar plantings?

2

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

400

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

- Pollinator-friendly lawn (with flowering clover, dandelions...)
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)



Hancock Hives - Potential Site (Tara Carter)



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Education & Outreach

Please describe pollinator conservation events or outreach activities in your community in 2023, indicating whether your committee hosted them or not.

Annual Fall Fest 2023 was held on October 25th 2023. Event where the co-chairs of the bee campus USA extract honey from hives and are available to educated campus community about the beehives and the importance of pollinators.

How many pollinator-related events or outreach activities did you host or help with in 2023 (in total)?

3

How many people attended those events (in total)?

100

Number of permanent interpretive/educational/Bee Campus USA signs installed to date?

2



Curriculum, Continuing Education, & Service Learning

Please describe the curriculum your campus engaged in 2023, indicating whether it was part of a for-credit course or continuing education.

We have had several students on campus participate in bee campus events such as the maintenance of the hives and for the honey harvest. While there is not a structured course, we do a lot of outreach and education to members of our campus community.

How many service-learning projects did your campus host and/or support to enhance pollinator habitat on- and off- campus?

1

How many students participated in service-learning projects in 2023 to enhance pollinator habitat on or off-campus?

20

Please describe the service-learning projects your students were engaged in 2023, indicating which, if any, were associated with a course.

Eagle Scout Project – Pollinator Garden – specifically for high school student completing their Eagle Scout Project and hours.



Working with Students at the Beehives (Tara Carter)



Working with Students at the Beehives (Bob Connour)

Policies & Practices

Please describe actions taken to make pest management more pollinator-friendly.

Continued efforts to not use insecticides that are not pollinator friendly were continued.

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

Potential grant funded project through Assisted Hancock County Realtors has been discussed to plant further pollinator friendly habitats on the south edge of the campus. This area is being considered as a potential pollinating habitat with potential educational possibilities for the community in the future.

Did your committee participate in any continuing education on ecologically-based Integrated Pest Management planning?

Not this year.

Please check actions you have taken to make pest management practices more pollinator-friendly.

- Implemented or maintained a written IPM plan
- Only use pesticides as a last resort within the 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)
- Restricted pesticides used to organic pesticides on city or campus grounds
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds that were not treated with neonicotinoids

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

Being open to the community this year has been beneficial. We have been making a lot of outside contacts and that has been wonderful establishing like minded relationships.

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [OPHI Pollinator Job Sheet Standard Establishment Owens Community College.pdf](#)

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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