

Bee City USA - Belmont

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.

The Belmont Community Gardens, with the help of the Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB), introduced a new pollinator garden to the community. The garden is approximately 250 square feet and contains native plants that provide food and habitat for the local bee population. This event was a drop in event with a beekeeper presentation and ladybug release.

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

1

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

36

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

1

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

350

Please check all that describe the habitats your affiliate helped to create or enhance in 2023 with pollinator benefit in mind.

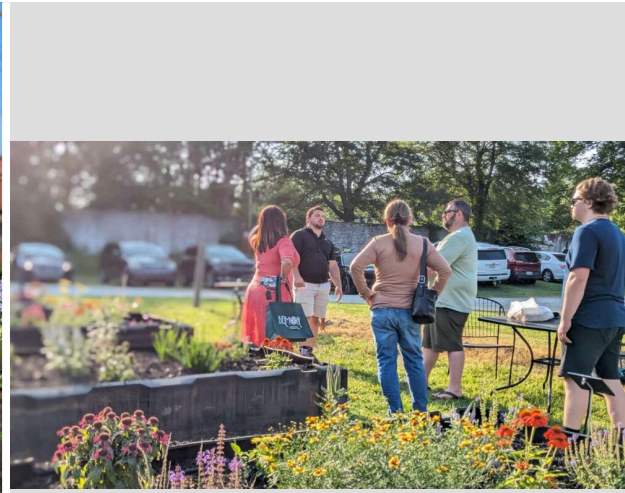
- Flower garden
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species
- Herb garden



Pollinator Garden Grand opening - Jaime Lisi



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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.

-Garibaldi Goes Green- showcases businesses, organizations, or local experts who can promote an environmentally-friendly lifestyle practices with the community. At the Garibaldi Goes Green event the ESB board gave away more than 200 recycled grocery bags, information on tree care and recycling, and hosted a ladybug release. The Garibaldi Goes Green section of the Garibaldi festival offers free entry to organizations whose mission involves protecting the environment. ESB was joined by Keep Belmont Beautiful, Catawba River Keepers, City of Belmont Stormwater Division and a local Girl Scout Troop to promote green practices. -The board attended two farmers markets in downtown Belmont to promote environmentally friendly practices by providing information on the benefits of native plants and recycling.

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

4

How many people attended those events (in total)?

500

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

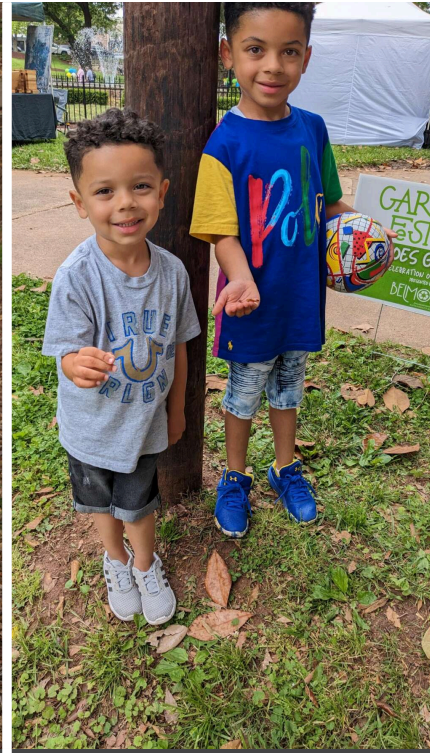
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Lady Bug Release at Garibaldi Goes Green - Jaime Lisi



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Policies & Practices

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

At this point, we are unaware of actions taken regarding pest management. This item has been placed on the agenda for the March bee subcommittee meeting.

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

Not at this time.

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

Not at this time.

Please check actions you have 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
- Reduced the total area of city or campus-managed lands to which pesticides are applied

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.

Not at this time.

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

Not at this time



Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT.pdf](#)

Recommended Native Plant List:

<https://www.cityofbelmont.org/documents/belmont-approved-tree-species-list/>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: