

Bee City USA - Town of Berlin

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.

1. New pollinator friendly garden at Burbage Park 2. New pollinator friendly garden inside of flower beds that take in rain water located in our 'Pollinator Way' alley that has a pollinator interactive mural. 3. Planted tulip bulbs and other native plants at the War Memorial on Main Street. 4. Enhanced and maintained Stephen Decatur Park garden, Berlin Library garden and Henry Park garden. 5. Enhanced and maintained other a dozen potted plants. 6. Added light pole flower baskets and window baskets to Town Hall and the Berlin Welcome Center with pollinator friendly plants and maintained all summer.

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

6

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

20

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

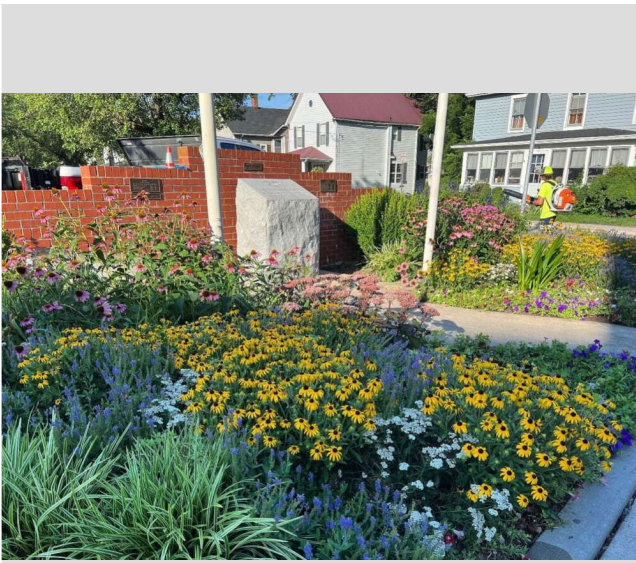
6

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

15

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

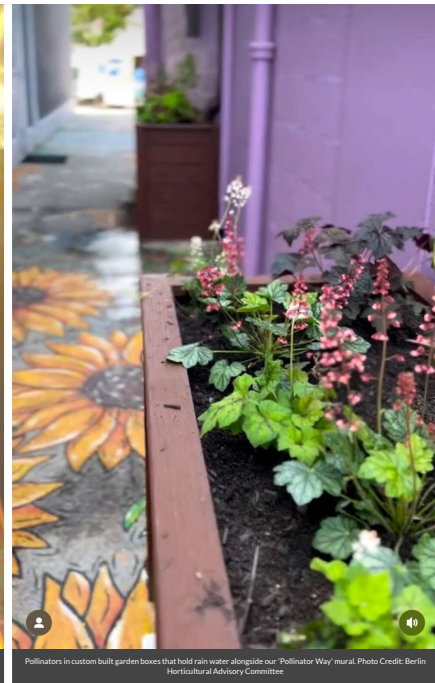
- Flower garden
- Pollinator-friendly lawn (with flowering clover, dandelions...)
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting



New thriving pollinator garden at the Memorial on Main Street. Photo Credit: Berlin Horticultural Advisory Committee



New light pole baskets, we installed 15 around town. Photo Credit: Berlin Horticultural Advisory Committee



Pollinators in custom built garden boxes that hold rain water alongside our 'Pollinator Way' mural. Photo Credit: Berlin Horticultural Advisory Committee

Education & Outreach

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

all done by our organization in partnership with the Berlin Horticultural Advisory Committee 1. Pollinator Week Scavenger Hunt – June 19-25th, 2023 – Find 10 pollinator facts on shop windows around town for a chance to win a kids 'Peek Inside a Beehive' pop up book. 2. -June 19-25th, 2023 – We hid bee cut outs around town in shop windows for people to find and count to see who saw them all, or the most. 3. Self Guided Garden Tour – June 19-25th, 2023 – Tour the gardens and 'Big Trees' in Berlin! A self guided tour to enjoy a bounty of blooms. 4. Berlin Blood Award – June 19-25th, 2023 – Cast your vote for the best container garden in downtown Berlin! Winner will receive a pollinator friendly outdoor potted planter. 5. Community get together to plant/maintain our gardens around town every first Thursday of each month during the summer. 6. Family Planting Event – May 21st, 2023 come together to plant her pollinator friendly garden at Burbage Park.

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

6

How many people attended those events (in total)?

500

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

2

Celebrate Pollinator Week in Berlin! June 19-25

Entry forms & maps located at The Berlin Welcome Center along with pollinator brochures!

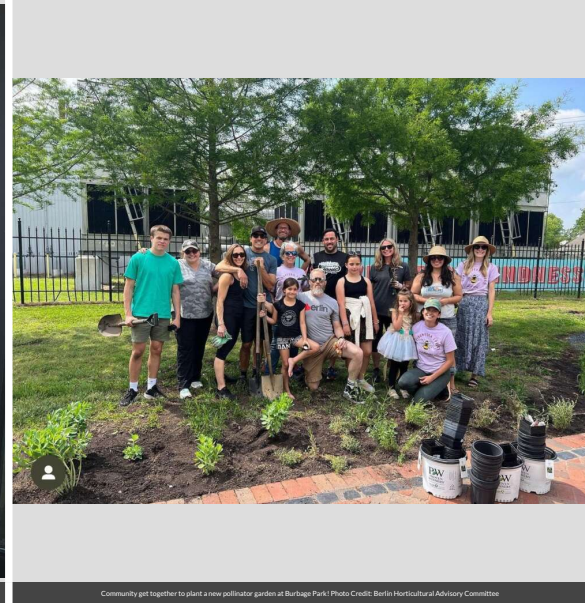
Scavenger Hunt
Find the 10 pollinator facts on shop windows around town for a chance to win a kids' Peek inside a Beehive' book.
Hint: Look for the bees!

Self Guided Garden Tour
Tour the gardens and "Big Trees" in Berlin! A self guided tour to enjoy the bounty of blooms.

Berlin Bloom Award
Cast your vote for the best container garden in downtown Berlin! Look for the ballot at the bottom of the garden tour map. Drop ballot in box at the Berlin Welcome Center.

Sponsored by The Town of Berlin, Berlin Main Street & The Berlin Horticultural Advisory Committee

Our annual Pollinator Week event! Credit: Ivy Weiss & Allison Early



Policies & Practices

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

We do not use harmful chemicals on our pollinator gardens or potted plants.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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)

- 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
- Distributed educational materials to residents or students to encourage the reduction or elimination of pesticide use
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds that were not treated with neonicotinoids
- Encouraged developers and private landscapers to source plants using “Buying Bee-Safe Plants” methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants>)

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 Town of Berlin is very vocal about being pollinator friendly and provided reading material and education all year long.

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

Creating a committee of local volunteers who care about pollinators and their town to come together and take action.



Weeding regularly no spraying! Photo Credit: Berlin Horticultural Advisory Committee



Photo Credit: Berlin Horticultural Advisory Committee

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [Pest Management for Berlin.docx](#)

Recommended Native Plant List: [2021 Native Plant Guide \(3\).pdf](#)

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

<https://www.lowershorelandtrust.org/pollinators>

<https://berlinmd.gov/>

aearyly@berlinmd.gov

<https://www.instagram.com/townofberlinmd/?hl=en>

<https://www.facebook.com/townofberlinmd>

