

Bee City USA - Berwyn Heights

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 Berwyn Heights Elementary School Garden was a "Good Neighbor" project in 2023. The garden was replanted with pollinator friendly natives, under the guidance of two horticulturists who lead the project. The Green Team hosted a garlic mustard pulling event. Garlic Mustard is a highly invasive species that is rampant along the banks of Indian Creek that runs through town. They have been working annually to pull the plants prior to flowering in order to halt the spread and take back the native environment.

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

2

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

200

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

- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- School garden



Garlic Mustard Pulling Event

BHES School Garden Replanting Project



BHES School Garden Replanting project: Credit Michael Ellis and David Smith

Education & Outreach

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

The Berwyn Heights Bee City Committee participated in a joint pollinator festival held on the University of Maryland Campus. College Park, the University, and Berwyn Heights are all connected and we joined in their planned event. The event showed the movie "my garden of a thousand bees" as well as hosting vendors with various pollinator information.

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



1

How many people attended those events (in total)?

100

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

1



Berwyn Heights Green Team at the UMD Pollinator Festival: Credit Paul Kavanaugh

Policies & Practices

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

Staff wrote and implemented an Integrated Pest Management plan.

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

Not currently. However, we are in the process of onboarding a stormwater engineer to help develop plans that may include such initiatives.

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

No.

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)

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.

No.

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

As we have explored ways to grow our pollinator friendly habitats, we have encountered a lot of "bee fear". We are always looking for ways to overcome the concerns about being stung as we grow our habitats.

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [IPM-Final.pdf](#)

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

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [Plant Vendors 2024.pdf](#)

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