

Bee City USA - Greenwood

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.

Enhanced the Uptown Farmers Market Pollinator Garden, included a new education sign in the Uptown Market on pollinators, added plant signs and new plants to the Veteran Plaza pollinator garden and added new pollinator and native plants throughout Greenwood including the Rain Garden.

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

8

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

200

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

10

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

500

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

- Flower garden
- Vegetable garden
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species
- Herb garden
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting
- Rain garden/bioswale



Weed, milkweed and plant id class for city horticulturists in the Rain Garden



Earth Day Class on healthy soil and composting at Fuji Film



We counted at the Southeast Pollinator census with the community

Education & Outreach

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

Garden symposium during the Festival of Flowers, Spoke at America in Bloom conference, participated in the Southeast Pollinator Census, Gave tours of pollinator gardens to over 30 community representatives from around the US, spoke at numerous garden clubs and master gardeners symposium. Taught children at the STEAM festival

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

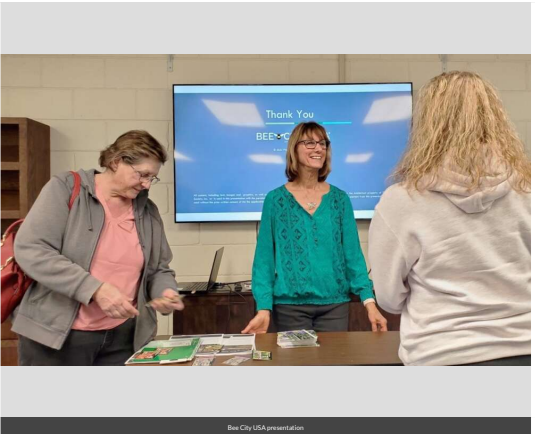
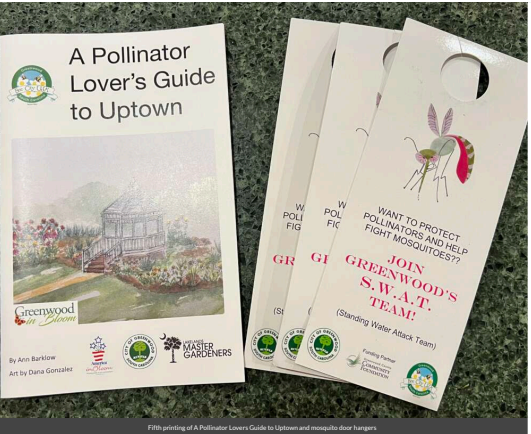
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How many people attended those events (in total)?

700

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

1





Policies & Practices

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

Enforce the IPM plan we produced.

In your city or campus, are any policy initiatives underway to further protect pollinators, people or waterways from pesticides?
not currently

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

Yes

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
- Reduced the total area of city or campus-managed lands to which pesticides are applied
- Restricted pesticides used to organic pesticides on city or campus grounds
- Eliminated use of neonicotinoid insecticides on city or campus grounds
- Distributed educational materials to residents or students to encourage the reduction or elimination of pesticide use
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds using “Buying Bee-Safe Plants” methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants>)
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds that were not treated with neonicotinoids

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 currently

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

to remove non native milkweed and only plant native



Flaming weeds to reduce herbicides



Combination of Greenwood in Bloom and Bee City USA committee

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [IPM policy for pest management City of Greenwood.pdf](#)

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

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: