

Bee City USA - Havre de Grace

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.

2023 saw the creation/start of the Water Treatment Plant meadow/Pollinator garden (3125 sq ft). Plantings started in the fall of 2023. This is located on Havre de Grace city property between a city parking lot and the shoreline of the Susquehanna River and is a part of the newly installed "Living Shoreline". Tidings Park Pollinator Garden. Grant received from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to install a 1075 sq ft Pollinator Garden. The grant includes funding for the installation (Spring 2024) and outreach which will include signage at the garden, a 5-minute video (professionally produced), and a brochure. In addition, the Green Team will continue our activities with local school students in association with middle school life science and earth science teachers and the teacher leading the volunteer club at the High School. Enhancement: Continuation of Todd Park Food Forest, Strawberry Lane and Market Street Community pollinator beds and vegetable gardens which were extensively described in the 2022 year report.

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?

73

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

1

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

10929

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
- Orchard
- Meadow

- Herb garden
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting



Water Plant Pollinator Garden in progress Fall 2023, Steve Wagner



Nov 11 work day plant installation at Water Plant Pollinator garden, Carol Zimmerman



Food Forest established in 2016, with 9 species of trees, Carol Zimmerman

Education & Outreach

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

May 6: Farmers Market stand/display June 9: Facebook post, "The Dynamic Natural Lawn" June:19 Facebook Post, Announcement for Natural Pollinator Week, with map of local pollinator gardens. June 22 Pollinator Walk July 2: We marched as Pollinators in the Havre de Grace Marched in 4th of July Parade initiative to protect pollinators Aug 26: Pollinator Garden Tour Sept 2, Tent/display table at Havre de Grace First Friday community event Sept 17: native plant exchange Oct 15: workday at Todd Park Food Forest

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

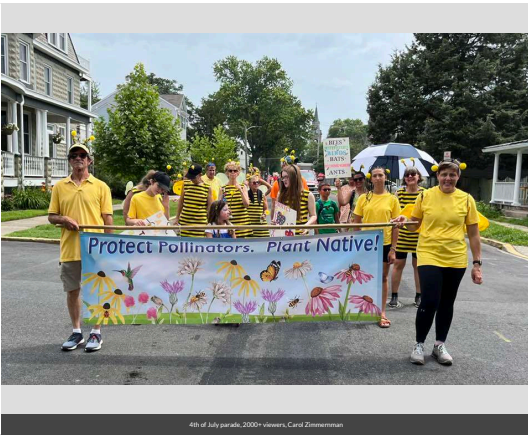
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How many people attended those events (in total)?

3000

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

1



SATURDAY AUGUST 26, NOON - 4PM

HARFORD COUNTY

POLLINATOR GARDENS TRAIL

Join us at the Harford County Agricultural Center to celebrate the launch of the Pollinator Gardens Trail!

- Ribbon Cutting, Sign Unveiling
- Discover the Gardens on the Trail
- Attend educational talks about gardening for pollinators
- Meet local experts who will share information on a variety of pollinator-focused topics
- Purchase native plants
- Kids activities
- Refreshments

The Pollinator Gardens Trail is an invitation to take a road trip to visit a variety of native plant gardens throughout beautiful Harford County!
These public gardens specialize in attracting pollinators. Visit and be inspired to create your own pollinator habitat!

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Policies & Practices

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

pesticide not used on any of our projects

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

no

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.

- **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?

go for grants

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

<https://hdgreen.org/library/>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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