

# Bee City USA - Laurel Park

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.*

Created and planted two pollinator-specific gardens in Laurel Park's Canal Park. Also planted three Service Berry trees at LP Jump Off Rock park. Planted 400-500 pollinator friendly plants during stream restoration project in Laurel Green Park. Also promoted 'No Mow May' and its benefits.

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

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

100

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

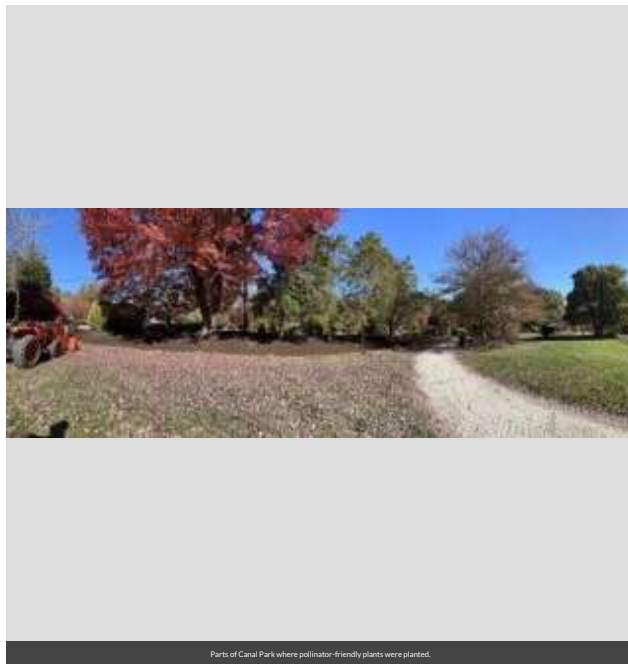
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*How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?*

3000

*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...)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting



Parts of Canal Park where pollinator-friendly plants were planted.



Numerous volunteers cleaning up and planting pollinator-friendly plants.

## Education & Outreach

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

The Laurel Park Bee City Committee (LPBCC) has promoted 'No Mow May,' shown the movie "My Garden of A Thousand Bees," planted two Pollinator Gardens in Canal Park, worked with LP Parks and Greenways Committee on stream restoration by planting 400-500 plants in Laurel Green Park, planted three Service Berry Trees at Laurel Park's "Jump Off Rock" park, undertook public bee education at the Laurel Park public information 'Shred-Day' event, and drafted several educational articles for inclusion in our town's bi-monthly newsletter addressing topics such as "Leave the Leaves" and "You Are What You Eat" to raise consciousness of the pollinator crisis.

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

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## Policies & Practices

*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)

- Restricted pesticides used to organic pesticides on city or campus grounds
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Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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