

Bee City USA - Lookout Mountain, GA

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.

We restored a 10×10 bed with native plants.

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

1

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

15

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

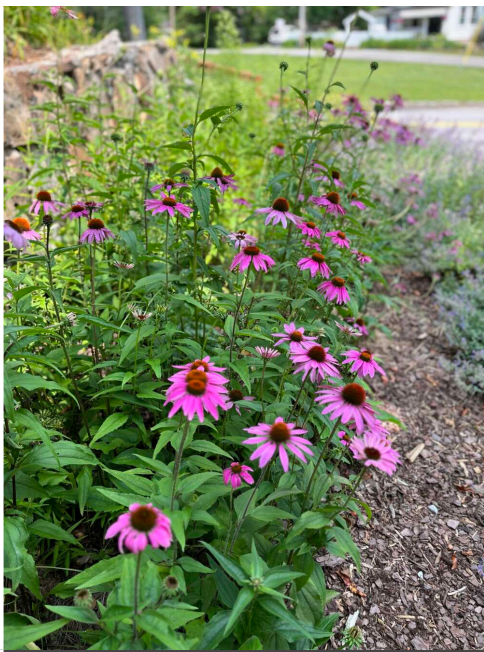
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How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

98

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

- Flower garden
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting



June blooms in Plant America Pollinator Garden



Bee City Co-Chair Ann Brown watering Plant America Pollinator Garden



Bee City volunteers planting at the Plant America Pollinator Garden.

Education & Outreach

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

Pollinator Festival and Native Plant Sale. Bee City USA Co-Chairs, Ann Brown and Candace Wells from Lookout Mountain, Georgia and Tennessee joined with the Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club to sponsor a Pollinator Festival and Native Plant Sale in June. This included a plant gardening workshop "Native Plant Gardening, Cheaper than Therapy and you get Bees and Butterflies." To promote the use of native plants in yards across Lookout and in the Tennessee Valley, Reflection Riding sold natives to over 100 people who attended. At the festival we had a special room set up for children to learn about pollinators. We gave out free Pollinator Bingo Games, served cookies and lemonade and offered face painting. Magical Monarchs with Kym Martin set up a display on Monarchs to educate the residents about the need for milkweed. The children dressed up as Monarchs to learn about the migration habits of this iconic butterfly. We had bird and butterfly walks in the newly established Joe Wilson public park across the street from Lookout Mountain, GA town Hall. These walks were led by Tommie Rogers member of the Tennessee Ornithological Society and the North American Butterfly Association. The exhibitors included Master Gardeners of Hamilton, Chattanooga Bluebird Society, Tennessee Native Plant Society, Reflection Riding, Tennessee Valley chapter of Wild Ones, Rock City, and RainSmart Yards. My Tennessee: Clean Water Starts Here. Bee City USA Co-Chairs, Ann Brown and Candace Wells from Lookout Mountain, Georgia and Tennessee joined with other garden clubs to educate mountain residents on how they can capture and retain storm water in their yards to improve water quality and how to use native plants to establish rain gardens for pollinators. They sponsored the "Battle of the Mountains" challenge to

call attention to pollution in mountain creeks and streams. Lookout Mountain won the challenge!

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

2

How many people attended those events (in total)?

12515

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

2

**Pollinator Festival
and
Native Plant Sale**
Saturday, June 17, 2023
Time: 9-12
Lookout Mountain, GA
Townhall
1214 Lula Lake Rd. 30750

**Special Activities for
Children and Parents**

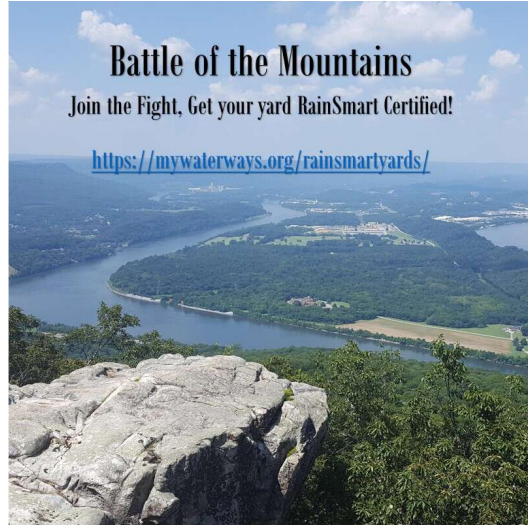


- Face Painting.
- Free "Pollinator Bingo Game" for every family.
- Pollinator favors.
- Magical Monarch interactive display. Have your picture taken dressed as a Monarch!
- Bird and Butterfly walks in Joe Wheeler Park.
- Cookies and Lemonade.



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Bee City USA and the Lookout
Mountain
Beautiful Garden Club

Flyer for Pollinator Festival



Battle of the Mountains
Join the Fight, Get your yard RainSmart Certified!

<https://mywaterways.org/rainsmartyards/>

We can win the fight! Let's improve water quality
and support native habitat for pollinators!
Contest ends, September 30, 2023.

Sponsored by Bee City USA, Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club and Garden Club of Lookout Mountain.

Flyer for the Battle of Mountains between Lookout Mountain, TN and Signal Mountain, TN.





Policies & Practices

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

We do not use any chemicals or pesticides in our projects and promote this with pesticide-free signs in our gardens and parks.

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

We promote our mission in newspaper articles and on social media.

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

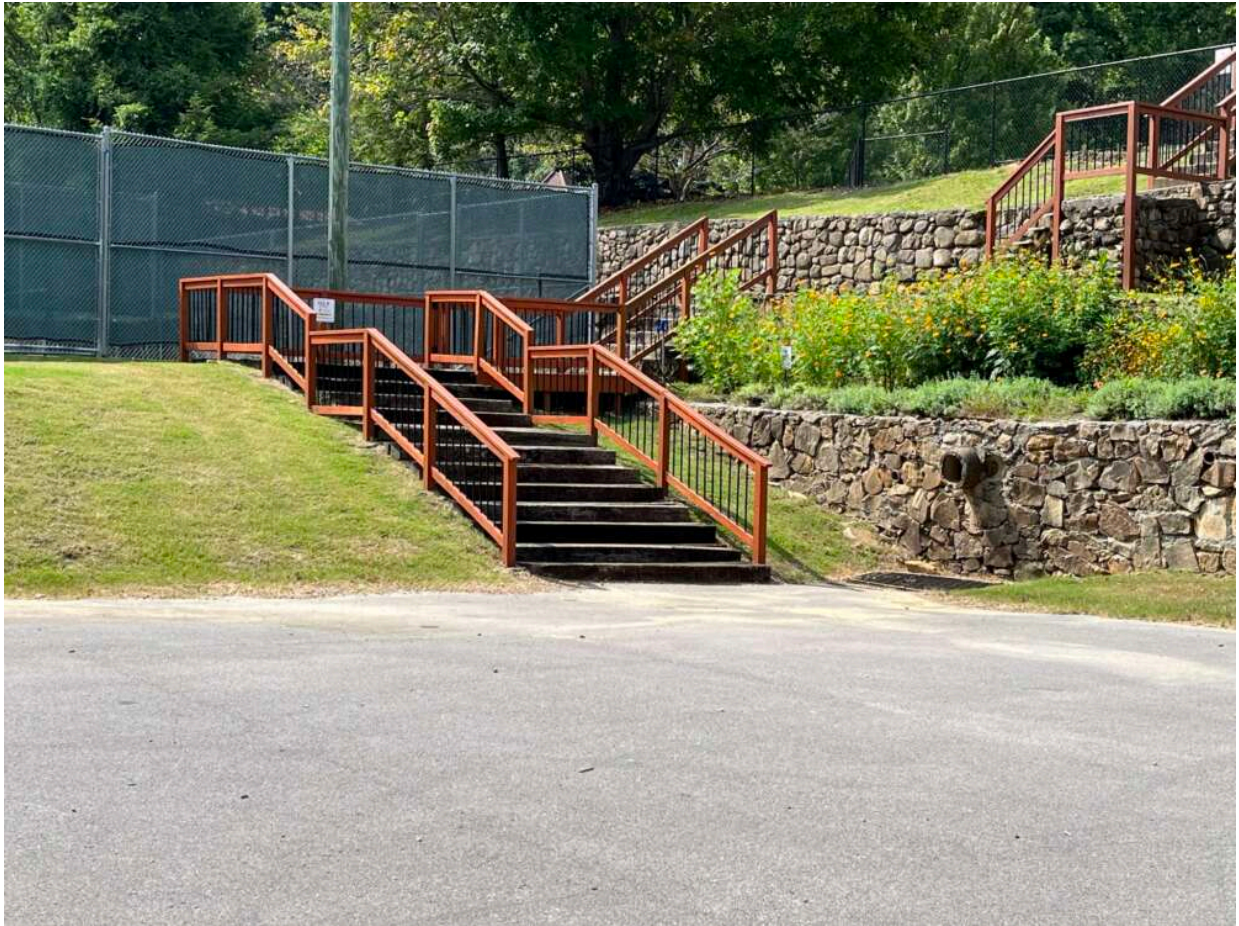
Yes, both Co-Chairs, Ann Brown and Candace Wells have attended Zoom classes on this topic.

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.

We have a pesticide policy that we are able to follow for the project that we pursue.

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

It is important to co-sponsor events with other organizations especially garden clubs and other conservation oriented clubs and societies in your area.



New Stairs built by the city with Bee City USA sign leading to the Plant America Pollinator Garden



Ann Brown Co-Chair with Bee City Volunteers

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [Lookout Mountain Integrated Pest Policy for Bee City USA Gardens.docx](#)

Recommended Native Plant List: [Butterfly and Moth Host Plants.docx](#)
<https://tnvalleywildones.org/plant-info/native-plants-for-the-tennessee-valley/>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:
<https://tnvalleywildones.org/native-plants/>

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