

Bee City USA - Salisbury

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.

Earth Day at the zoo, committee did not host. I love Salisbury event, committee did not host.

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

3

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

60

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

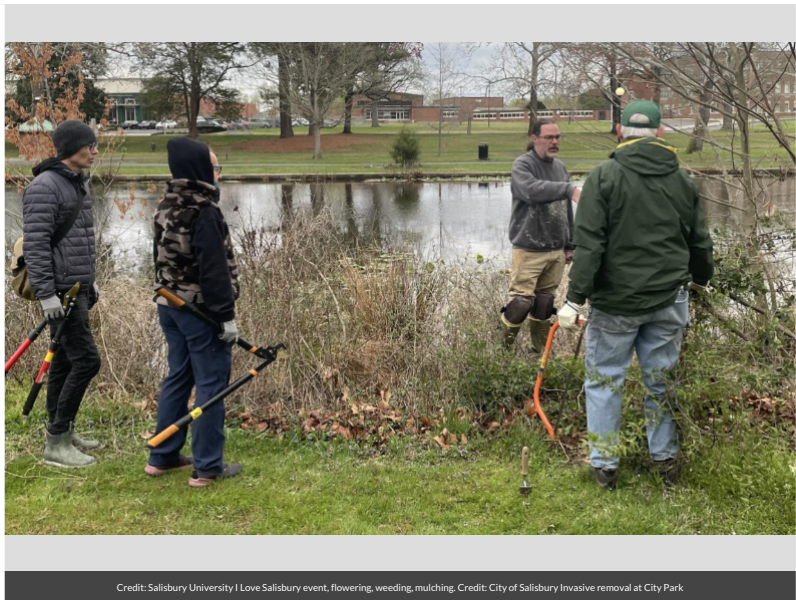
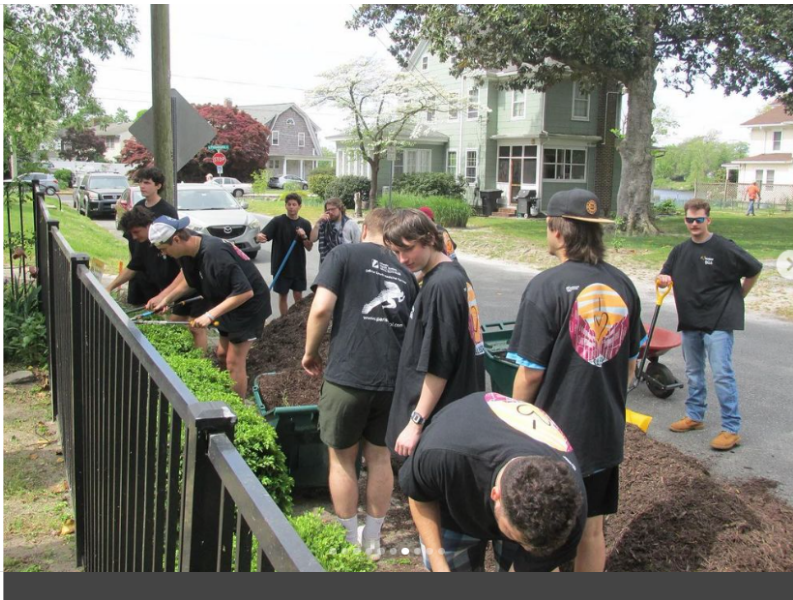
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How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

45600

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

- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- Other



Credit: Salisbury University I Love Salisbury event, flowering, weeding, mulching. Credit: City of Salisbury Invasive removal at City Park

Education & Outreach

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

Earth Day at the zoo, committee did not host. I love Salisbury event, committee did not host.

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)?

1500

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

3



Credit: City of Salisbury Earth Day celebration at the zoo, including pollinator seed bombs.



Credit: Salisbury University I Love Salisbury event, flowering, weeding, mulching.



Policies & Practices

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

Opting for physical removal of invasives and choosing to hack and spray only when absolutely necessary.

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.

Advocacy for non-chemical approaches: <https://salisbury-sustainability-salisbury.hub.arcgis.com/pages/how-to-guides>

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

n/a

DIY

While the Green Team takes pride in leading initiatives to spread awareness and make change in the City, doing your part is even more important. Follow the Green Team's advice on several topics below to learn how you can help our ecosystem completely independently.



Your Pocket Meadow: A Guide

Important: You must register! - [CLICK HERE](#)

Note: Creating a meadow requires significant planning and attention. You can do it!

Steps

1. Select an area that gets at least 6 hours of full sun a day.
[2. Test your soil. - CLICK HERE](#)
3. **If your area is currently lawn, kill the grass and weeds, preferably with non-chemical approaches. - [CLICK HERE](#)** Remove all existing vegetation to bare ground.
4. Prepare the soil. Smothering is an easy, inexpensive, no-till method for preparing small to medium-sized areas.
5. Decide which plants you want to include. A mix of at least 50% native grasses and no more than 50% native flowering perennials. See our plant table below.
6. Decide on a method to plant your meadow: seeds, plugs or young plants. Each plug/plant should have a square foot of space.
7. Acquire the plants and seeds from a nursery (physical or online) and/or company that specializes in natives.
8. Water as needed for several weeks.
9. Weed by hand as needed. Straw or shredded leaves can be used as a weed-preventive instead of mulch, and cost less.
10. Cut down to 8 inches in late fall or very early spring. Leave seed heads and stems from spent flowers on the ground for birds.

Bonus: Enjoy your meadow mosquito free! - [CLICK HERE](#)

Credit: City of Salisbury Outreach on meadows



Credit: City of Salisbury Sustainability Advisory Committee

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

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

https://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/publications/Recommended%20Species%20for%20Meadow%20Creation%20in%20Maryland%E2%80%99s%20Coastal%20Plain_1.pdf

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

<https://mdflora.org/nurseries.html>

<https://salisbury.md/>

https://www.instagram.com/sby_green

<https://www.facebook.com/GreenSBY>

