

Bee City USA - Southport

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.

February & March 2023 – Series of Environmental presentations leading up to Naturefest which included native plants, and types of pollinators April 29, 2023 -Naturefest event-SPT -sponsored by the City of Southport in which SPT Beautification took part, along with beautification volunteers at the garden to welcome visitors and provide information Planned Workdays take place in the garden throughout the year in addition to "summer watch" - volunteers sign up to take a week or more during the summer -watering, and initiating a "pop up" workday if needed. June 21, 2023 -National Pollinator Week celebration – Pollinator group and SPT Beautification Committee-

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

4

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

12

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

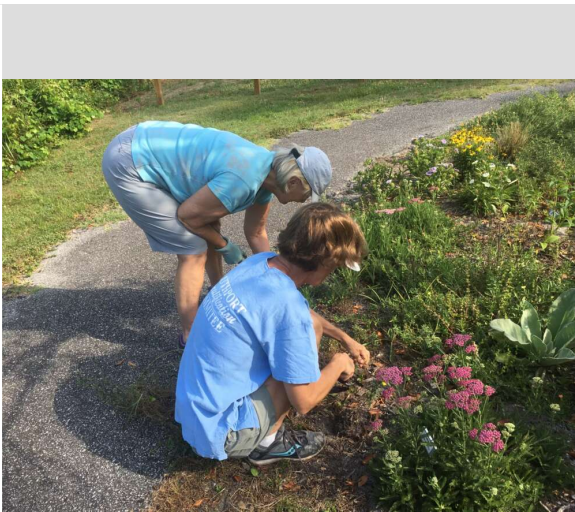
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How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

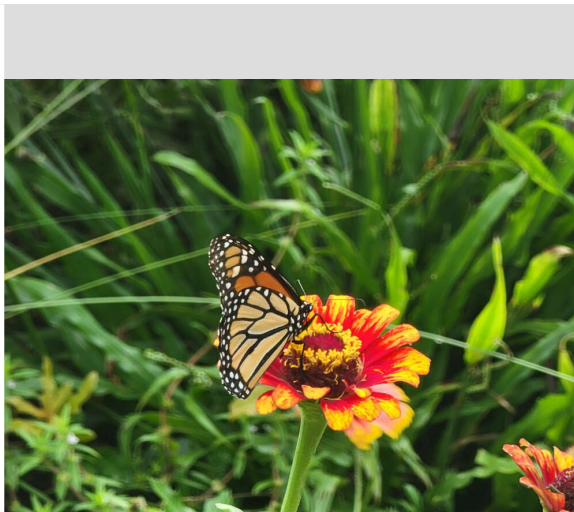
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Please check all that describe the habitats your affiliate helped to create or enhance in 2023 with pollinator benefit in mind.

- Flower garden
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Other



Work day in the pollinator garden - photo taken: Kate Singley



Butterfly grazing on zinnia in pollinator garden - Photo taken: Kate Singley



Wooden Bee House in the pollinator garden - Photo Taken: Kate Singley

Education & Outreach

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

Feb. 2023 –community presentation, powerpoint, informational display – sponsored by Southport Beautification committee
March 2023- informational display for the month at Southport Visitor Center – request by the city of Southport
March 14, 2023 -presentation for Southport Garden Club
April 28 & 29 – SPT Naturefest celebration – educational presentations along with environmental information. Presentation, informational display along with native plant giveaways at the Lowe-White Native Plant Pollinator Garden in SPT
May 6, 2023 Bee Tea in the garden at Lowe-White Native Plant Pollinator Garden-sponsored by Beautification volunteers
June 21, 2023 – celebration of National Pollinator Week at Franklin Square Park in SPT -display and informational booth along with native plant giveaways - sponsored by the pollinator group and SPT Beautification committee
August 2023 – native plant -bees -butterflies display set for the month at SPT Visitor Center -request by the city of Southport
Native Plant Pollinator Garden Website -appears as a part of the SPT Beautification Committee website -maintained & updated by SPT Beautification Volunteers

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

7

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

1



National Pollinator Week Franklin Square Park - Photo taken: Elizabeth Singley



Southport Visitors Center Display - Photo Taken: Kate Singley



Community Bee Tea in the Pollinator Garden - Photo taken: Kate Singley



Lawrence N. Ashley

Bee City Sign for pollinator garden - Photo taken: Larry Ashley

Policies & Practices

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

The city of Southport maintains a list of the city's beekeepers, SPT Native Plant Pollinator Garden, and private citizens that maintain their own pollinator friendly gardens. At the citizen's request the city will not spray in those areas.

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?

Beautification committee did not, but there was an informational booth at the Naturefest celebration in April 2023 - educational information was discussed and handed out to those who attended. Information was obtained from the NC Cooperative Extension. IPM updated in 2022

Please check actions you have taken to make pest management practices more pollinator-friendly.

- **Reduced the total area of city or campus-managed lands to which pesticides are applied**
- **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.

Southport does spray for mosquitoes but refer to the list of areas to avoid throughout the city

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

Hearing positive feedback has allowed our group to realize the impact our city's garden has on the citizens of Southport





Part of Committee, not all in photo - Photo taken: Rick Mitchell

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [Integrated Pest Management Plan.pdf](#)
<https://cityofsouthport.com/public-services-department/#mosquito-control>

Recommended Native Plant List: [Untitled document-2.pdf](#)
<https://gardening.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [native plant list.pdf](#)
<http://sheltonherbfarm.com>

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<https://www.facebook.com/107281463957969/posts/the-southport-beautification-committee-had-a-great-turnout-for-the-this-is-our-t/206743867345061>

