

# Bee City USA - Village of Barrington Hills

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.*

- At Village Hall, rehabbed landscaping included new pollinator-friendly plantings.
- At Village Hall, pollinator garden expanded with new plantings.

*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?*

2

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

5

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

5592

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

## Education & Outreach

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

• Village outreach activities through social media, website, fall festival and newsletter. • Activities included planting native pollinator-friendly plants and shrubs. • Village gave away free pollinator-friendly seeds. • Monarch exhibit at Village Fall Festival. • Presentation at Village Fall Festival with monarch butterflies to demonstrate the importance of pollinators. • Promos of seed kit providing a variety of pollinator-friendly plants to create a garden (through affiliate).

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

5

*How many people attended those events (in total)?*

500

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

1



Giving out trees!



Distributing seeds

## Policies & Practices

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

- Communicated pest management information provided by your website.

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

- Initiatives through affiliates are ongoing.

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

- 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>)

*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.*

**Continued promotion of reducing pesticide use on our media outlets**

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Learn More

**Integrated Pest Management Plan:**

**Recommended Native Plant List:**

**Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:**

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