

Bee City USA - Webster

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 PLANTED POLLINATOR FRIENDLY FLOWERS AND PLANTS AROUND THE CITY'S COMMUNITY CENTER.

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?

4

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

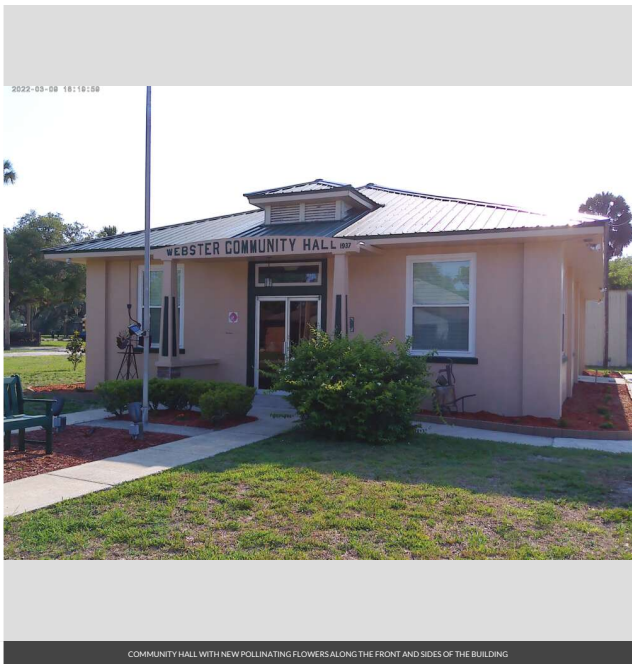
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How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

10

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



POLLINATOR SEED PACKETS GIVEN OUT TO RESIDENTS

COMMUNITY HALL WITH NEW POLLINATING FLOWERS ALONG THE FRONT AND SIDES OF THE BUILDING

Education & Outreach

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

CITY HALL CELEBRATED POLLINATOR WEEK WITH DAILY FACEBOOK POSTS WITH EDUCATIONAL FACTS ABOUT BEES AND INSECTS AND POLLINATION. EVERYDAY OF POLLINATOR WEEK WE GAVE OUT GOODIE BAGS WITH HONEY STICKS FROM LOCAL HONEY FARMS, POLLINATOR SEED PACKETS, POLLINATION INFORMATION SHEETS, COLORING SHEETS, COOKIES, PENCILS, STICKERS AND STAMPERS. INSTALLED 2 LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES IN THE CITY PARK AND PAINTED BEES AND SUNFLOWERS TO PROMOTE POLLINATION.

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

1

How many people attended those events (in total)?

20

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

1

TODAY'S BEE FUN FACTS:

The distance each bee flies in its life is astonishing. It is possible for bees to fly as far as 5 miles for food however, an average distance would be less than a mile from the hive. A strong colony, around 60,000 bees therefore flies the equivalent distance from Earth to the Moon every day!

A bee can pollinate about 5,000 flowers in 1 day!

Pollinator Week continues so don't BEE a stranger.....stop by the office for a treat or a kids activity!



GAVE AWAY GOODIE BAGS WITH COOKIES WITH POLLINATOR INFORMATION SHEET ATTACHED TO THE GOODIE BAG

About 75% of all flowering plant species need the help of animals to move their heavy pollen grains from plant to plant for fertilization.

COOL FACT: The bees accumulate a positive charge, while the flowers have a negative charge. The interaction between the fields is detected by antennae or sensitive hairs on the body. The electrical field helps bees to recognize pollen-rich blooms and perhaps even to transfer the pollen.

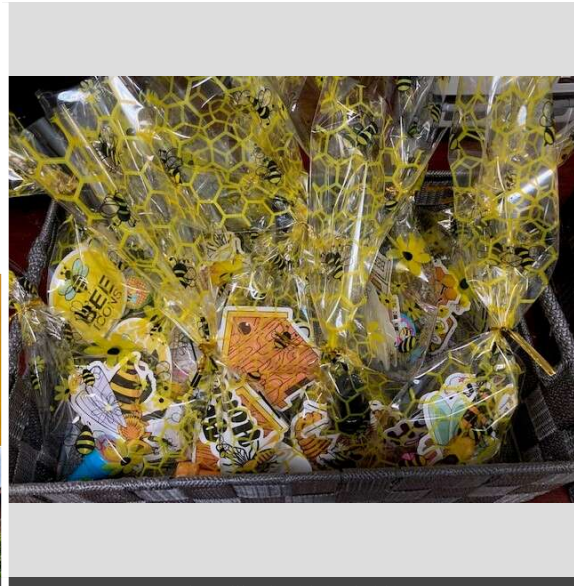
HOW YOU CAN HELP: Create a pollinator friendly garden habitat with flowering plants that supply pollinators with nectar and pollen.

Also, installing bee "houses" near the pollinating plants, as pictured here at City Hall, will attract pollinators to come visit the plants.

Buzz on by the office today to pick up a packet of pollinator wildflower seed mix and start your pollinator garden habitat today. We also still have honey sticks for a sweet treat.



POSTED PICTURES ON FACEBOOK OF THE BEE HOUSES AT CITY HALL AND GAVE OUT POLLINATOR FRIENDLY SEED PACKETS



GAVE AWAY GOODIE BAGS WITH STICKERS AND HONEY STICKS



Policies & Practices

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

THE CITY'S PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TRIES TO USE POLLINATOR FRIENDLY HERBICIDES OR NATURAL /ORGANIC PESTICIDES, ESPECIALLY IN OUR POLLINATOR DESIGNATED AREAS IN TH CITY.

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

THE CITY IS WORKING TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING A PLAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE

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

DUE TO LIMITED STAFFING, WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH EMPLOYEES TO COVER THE TIME OFF THAT WOULD BE NEEDED NOR THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION. HOPEFULLY IN THE FUTURE THAT MIGHT CHANGE.

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 ALWAYS ENCOURAGE THE RESIDENTS AS WELL AS LANDSCAPERS IN OUR COMMUNITY TO USE NATURAL/ORGANIC PESTICIDES THAT ARE POLLINATOR FRIENDLY.

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [native plants ipm03082022122316368_0001.pdf](#)

Recommended Native Plant List: [native plants03082022102113801_0001.pdf](#)

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [native plants03082022102113801_0001.pdf](#)

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