

Bee City USA - Westminster

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.

The City has 2 pollinator gardens which we replant and maintain each year.

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

2

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

30

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

2

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

28500

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

- Flower garden
- Vegetable garden
- Meadow
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- Roadside/rights of way planting

Education & Outreach

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

The City of Westminster has multiple community events each year such as Wine Stroll, Flower and Jazz Festival, Beer and BBQ Stroll, Fall Fest and Oyster Stroll. We supply an information booth which the City and Carroll County Beekeepers run at all of these events. We also hold community outreach events at our Wakefield Valley Park once a year.

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

5



Policies & Practices

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

The City does not use pesticides.

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

Not currently

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.

- Only use pesticides as a last resort within the IPM plan
- 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)
- Implemented non-chemical pest prevention and management methods on city or campus grounds
- Eliminated pesticide uses that are solely to maintain aesthetics on city or campus grounds
- Reduced the total area of city or campus-managed lands to which pesticides are applied
- Restricted pesticides used to organic pesticides on city or campus grounds
- Eliminated use of neonicotinoid insecticides on city or campus grounds
- Dropped pesticide use altogether on city or campus grounds

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.

Informative literature is handed out at all our events.

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

No

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List: [Bee City Native Species and Suppliers List.docx](#)

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