

# Bee City USA - Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

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.*

Our committee hosted a Tree Festival. We planted trees suitable for pollinator sustainability and educated the public about how they can help. We gave attendees a tour of our newly designated arboretum...to include a section just for pollinators. Our committee hosted 4 seed collection events at Huffman Prairie State Natural Landmark. We taught participants how to properly collect and disperse seeds to help enhance this natural habitat. Our committee hosted 2 events dedicated to the addition of 2 additional pollinator habitats on the installation.

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

5

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

120

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

170

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

600

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

- Flower garden
- Meadow
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting



## Education & Outreach

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

**We hosted 10 pollinator related conservation events in 2023. 2 Pollinator tree planting events 1 Educational Prairie Walk 2 Pollinator Habitat creation events 4 Prairie seed collection events 1 Annual Pollinator Expo**

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

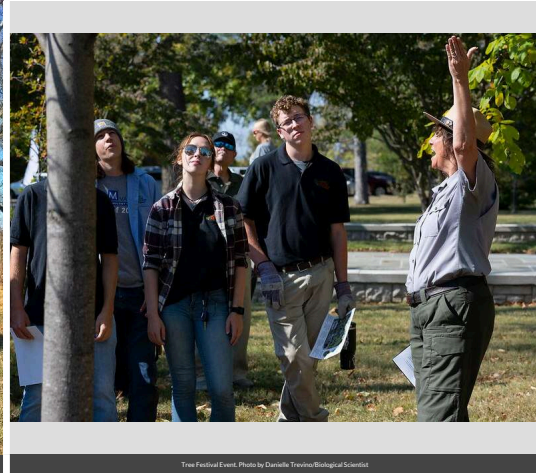
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*How many people attended those events (in total)?*

**600**

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

**3**





## Policies & Practices

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

**We work directly with pest management to educate them about pollinators and how we can help sustain them. For instance, our pest control folks will contact us to remove bees from housing if there is a swarm. We will then relocate the bees.**

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

**We have numerous initiatives in place to help educate the public about reducing (and if possible eliminating) the use of pesticides. Our outreach events touch base on this.**

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

**n/a nothing formal but we do attend webinars and research and collaborate for BMPs.**

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

- Implemented or maintained a written IPM plan
- 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)
- Reduced the total area of city or campus-managed lands to which pesticides are applied

*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 work with our contractors to reduce the use of pesticides.**



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