

# Bee City USA - Athens

## 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.*

**Committee hosted Mike Stanley Park beautification event to maintain pollinator friendly garden. City supports Wistendahl Native and Pollinator Garden, Stimson Roundabout and Riparian Project maintenance and invasives removal.**

*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?*

**30**

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

**1**

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

**354000**

*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
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Roadside/rights of way planting

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### Education & Outreach

*Please describe pollinator conservation events or outreach activities in your community in 2023, indicating whether your*

*committee hosted them or not.*

Informational outreach events including Bee City pamphlets and discussions held at 34 university resource fairs, Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebrations, university student expo, Summer Green Camp for children and Pawpaw Festival. Committee participants in many but not all outreach events.

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

52

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

500

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## Policies & Practices

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

**Still working on policies with Arts, Parks and Recreation Dept.**

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

- **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)**
- **Distributed educational materials to residents or students to encourage the reduction or elimination of pesticide use**

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## Learn More

**Integrated Pest Management Plan:** [Pollinator Application DCI\\_Final.pdf](#)

**Recommended Native Plant List:**

<https://www.ci.athens.oh.us/630/Pollinator-Gardens>

**Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:**

<https://www.ci.athens.oh.us/630/Pollinator-Gardens>

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