

# Bee City USA - Bell Buckle

## 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 Beautification Committee planted a pollinator meadow in Bell Buckle in an area that had previously been neglected.**

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

6

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

5

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

6

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

575

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

- Flower garden
- Herb garden
- Rain garden/bioswale

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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.*

**Bell Buckle hosted Daffodil Day on the third Saturday in March 2023. At the event, visitors were given information on Companion Planting and alternatives to the use of pesticides. During pollinator week, visitors and residents in Bell**

Buckle were given Tennessee wildflower seeds, daylilies, and purple irises to plant in their own yards along with information on the benefits of pollinators

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

3

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

58

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

3

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## Policies & Practices

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

The town of Bell Buckle does not spray in town for pesticides within the town limits and makes that known to residents of Bell Buckle thru the facebook page "Bell Buckle Backyards"

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

- Implemented or maintained a written 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
- Encouraged developers and private landscapers to source plants that were not treated with neonicotinoids

*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.*

If a private pesticide company is seen spraying in a yard, residents notify town hall and inform the sprayer that it is not allowed in Bell Buckle.

*Any lessons learned you would like to share?*

We have learned that a great deal of education is required to teach merchants in town that a pollinator garden does not look like and should not look like a commercially landscaped area such as one seen in the entrance to apartment complexes. It also takes several years for native plants to spread and reduce the amount of weeding needed.

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Learn More

**Integrated Pest Management Plan:** [ipm\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](#)

<https://ncipmhort.cfans.umn.edu/integrated-pest-management-ipm>

**Recommended Native Plant List:** [brochure\\_tdot\\_pollinators.pdf](#)

<https://www.picktnproducts.org/listview/native-plants.html>

**Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:**

[https://www.edenbrothers.com/products/tennessee-wildflower-seed-mix?variant=44434539675900&utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=17662216033&utm\\_term=&utm\\_content=&gad\\_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAiAgoq7BhBxEiwAVcW0LJjuXeL77VuluhfFzKJDSKZvZ4ghIZ9B7wfOODG952vG4rbhhWjllxoCoasQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.edenbrothers.com/products/tennessee-wildflower-seed-mix?variant=44434539675900&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=17662216033&utm_term=&utm_content=&gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAiAgoq7BhBxEiwAVcW0LJjuXeL77VuluhfFzKJDSKZvZ4ghIZ9B7wfOODG952vG4rbhhWjllxoCoasQAvD_BwE)

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