

Bee Campus USA - Salisbury University

Report on 2024

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

Please describe pollinator habitat creation or enhancement projects in your community in 2024, and whether your committee hosted them or not.

Salisbury University continues to expand our native pollinator gardens across campus. One of our largest native gardens is located on Camden Ave. adjacent to our apiary. The Horticulture Department and the SU Garden Club worked together to expand this pollinator garden in 2024. Further expansion is expected in Spring '25.

How many habitat projects did you help to create or enhance in 2024?

2

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

6

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

2

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

1000

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

- Flower garden
- Pollinator-friendly lawn (with flowering clover, dandelions...)
- Herb garden
- 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 2024, indicating whether your committee hosted them or not.

Salisbury University offers various summer camps for K-12 students. A science/nature themed summer camp was held for 4th and 5th graders and insects/pollinators were discussed. Chris Homeister, Director of Campus Sustainability, brought an apiary observation box to the summer camp so the students could see real-life honeybees. Honeybee games and activities took place all of which were focused on pollinator-friendly education and awareness.

How many pollinator-related events or outreach activities did you host or help with in 2024 (in total)?

11

How many people attended those events (in total)?

60

Number of permanent interpretive/educational/Bee Campus USA signs installed to date?

10



Curriculum, Continuing Education, & Service Learning

Please describe the curriculum your campus engaged in 2024, indicating whether it was part of a for-credit course or continuing education.

SU's Organic Gardening course and Sustainable Landscape Design course did not run in 2024 because the professors that offer these two courses both retired. The Organic Gardening course is scheduled to be offered during the Fall '25 semester.



Apiary volunteers - performing a health check



Apiary volunteers - winterizing the hive

Policies & Practices

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

Eliminated the use of any neonicotinoid insecticides on campus grounds

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

No.

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.

- **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)**
- **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**
- **Eliminated use of neonicotinoid insecticides on city or campus grounds**

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

No.

Committee Photo

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [7_2_25_Salisbury_University_Integrated_Pest_Management_Plan_2023.pdf](#)

Recommended Native Plant List: [7_10_25_Total_List_of_Natives_2025.xlsx](#)

<https://www.salisbury.edu/administration/administration-and-finance-offices/sustainability/horticulture.aspx>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [7_10_25_Total_List_of_Natives_2025.xlsx](#)

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