

Bee Campus USA - University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

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.

Ongoing restoration efforts include restoring 36 acres of former agricultural fields into prairie, restoring/enhancing a decommissioned golf course on the UWGB campus by incorporating pollinator plantings in former golf course features (8 acres of plantings installed to date), and enhancing 11 acres of prairie at our Kingfisher Farm Natural Area. Other efforts include installing wet meadow and emergent plants in wetlands formerly occupied by *Phragmites australis*, and woodland invasive species control efforts. All efforts total up to approximately 221 acres.

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

4

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

50

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

4

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

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

- Flower garden
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species
- Meadow
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement

Education & Outreach

Please describe pollinator conservation events or outreach activities in your community in 2024, indicating whether your committee hosted them or not.

UWGB hosted events in the form of camps, tours, workshops, conferences, classes, and volunteer opportunities. This included a 5- day summer camp exploring the natural spaces of the UW-Green Bay Arboretum, Green Bay Conservation Partners field trip to Wequiock Creek and Shorewood Park restoration sites, prairie seed collection day of service event, UWGB Arboretum tour for UWGB retiree group, poster presentation at Natural Areas Association Conference on grassland and oak savanna restoration projects, Bumble bee ecology and identification workshop, and Pollinator planting with UWGB Conservation Biology course. All of the mentioned event formats looked at either conservation and land management efforts to promote pollinator diversity and/or ecology and identification of pollinators within the UWGB natural areas.

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

7

How many people attended those events (in total)?

400

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

13

Number of temporary interpretive/educational/Bee Campus USA signs installed in 2024?

8

Curriculum, Continuing Education, & Service Learning

Policies & Practices

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

Our natural areas crew tries to limit invasive plant control efforts while they are blooming to reduce negative impacts on pollinators. Non-chemical control measures are also used as often as possible.

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.

- 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

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

None at this time.

Committee Photo

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [IPM Program.docx](#)

Recommended Native Plant List: [Native Pollinator Plants_Wisconsin.pdf](#)

https://www.uwgb.edu/UWGCMS/media/Sustainability/images/homepage/Native-Pollinator-Plants_Wisconsin_1.pdf

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

<https://www.uwgb.edu/sustainability/bee-campus-usa/>

<https://www.uwgb.edu/sustainability/bee-campus-usa/sustainability@uwgb.edu>

<https://instagram.com/uwgb sustainability>

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