

# Bee City USA - Albuquerque

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.*

Pollinator gardens have been established and are regularly maintained in over 150 road medians throughout the city. Pollinator gardens have been established and are regularly maintained in fourteen city park properties. The City supported 21 community garden, school garden, and alley activation projects. 110 farmers, community gardeners, and micro farmers benefitted from the placement of six honey bee hives on City-owned farmlands.

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

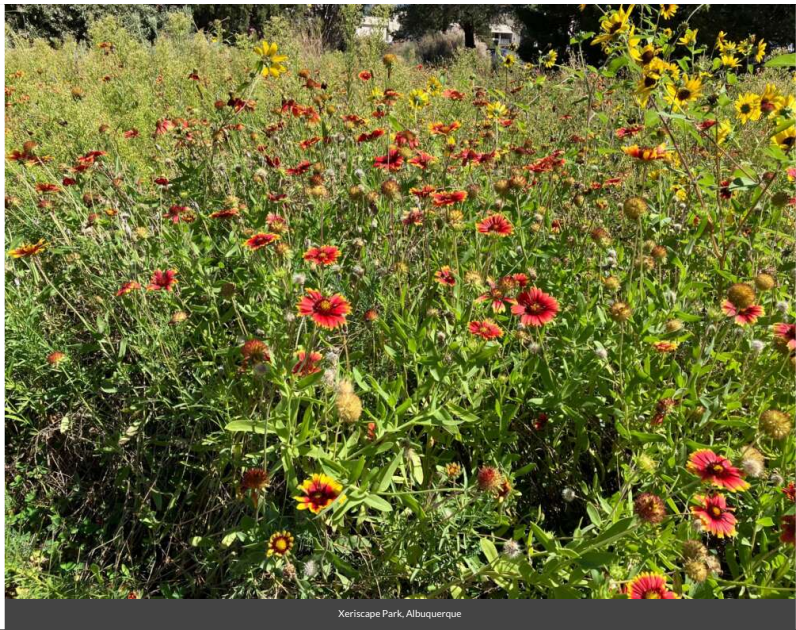
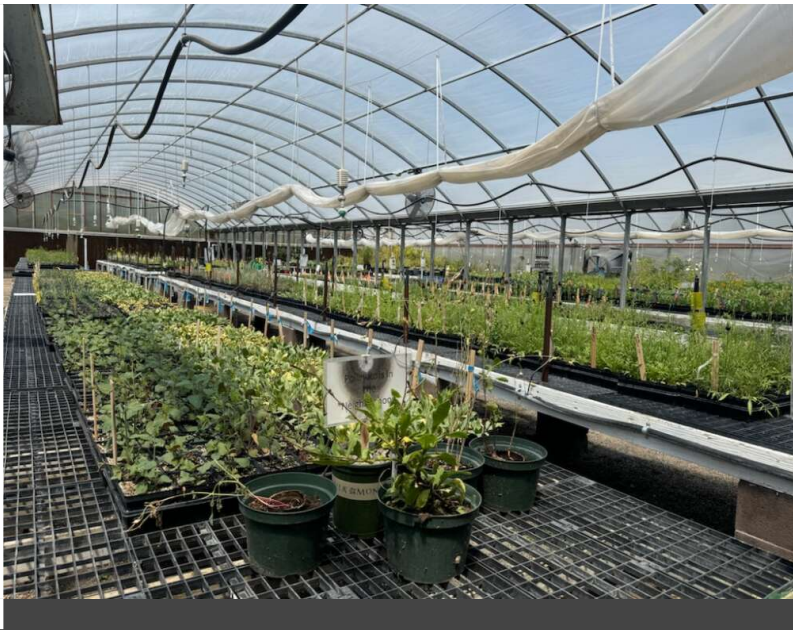
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*How many people (staff, volunteers, students, partners, etc.) helped with those projects?*

56

*Please check all that describe the habitats your affiliate helped to create or enhance in 2024 with pollinator benefit in mind.*

- Flower garden
- Vegetable garden
- Orchard
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species
- Pollinator-friendly lawn (with flowering clover, dandelions...)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting
- Roadside/rights of way planting
- School garden



Xeriscape Park, Albuquerque

## Education & Outreach

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

Pollinator conservation events and outreach activities were hosted or conducted by a variety of groups in Albuquerque including the Think Like a Bee non-profit organization, the City Botanic Garden, the City Open Space Division, and the City Local Agriculture Program. Think Like a Bee, with support of the City, purchased or propagated almost 14,000 native plants using Bee-Safe criteria and methods. These plants were distributed in targeted areas throughout the city at six pollinator education and plant giveaway events, at twelve public schools, at five neighborhood habitat conversion projects, and at one non-profit community service facility. Community members volunteered over 2,000 hours in these efforts. The City Botanic Garden hosted four pollinator events including the Children's Seed Festival, National Public Gardens Day, National Pollinator Celebration Day, and the Regional Pollinator Network meeting. The City Open Space Division hosted four pollinator education workshops and events: Improving Desert Soil for Pollinators, Planting for Pollinators, Butterfly Celebration, and Tincturing with Local Medicinal Pollinator Plants for Cold and Flu Season. The City Food and Agriculture Program participated in education events and work sessions with community gardeners, food growers, and schools to support the local food movement in the urban center. These urban green spaces create and enhance pollinator habitat. In addition, the City leases or manages five farm fields with the mixed-use purposes of raising agricultural crops, providing forage and habitat for wildlife, and establishing low-impact recreational opportunities. The City Local Agriculture program conducted three soil workshops.

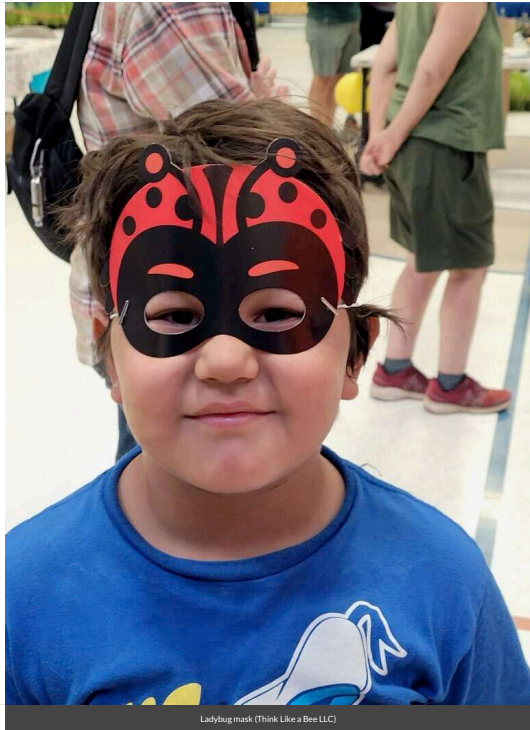
*How many pollinator-related events or outreach activities did you host or help with in 2024 (in total)?*

How many people attended those events (in total)?

7500

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

2



## Policies & Practices

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

On City Parks and Recreation properties, which include four golf courses and almost 300 city parks, the use of neonicotinoid pesticides was discontinued in 2021. The Parks and Recreation Department follows an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach. Use of chemical herbicides are restricted. Herbicides are applied by licensed applicators under specific conditions. All pesticide use is carefully tracked and monitored. Farmers leasing city farmlands are strongly encouraged to use organic and holistic IPM practices for weed control. These farmers have not used chemical pesticides in years.

*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)
- 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
- Reduced the total area of city or campus-managed lands to which pesticides are applied
- Restricted pesticides used to organic pesticides on city or campus grounds
- Eliminated use of neonicotinoid insecticides on city or campus grounds
- Distributed educational materials to residents or students to encourage the reduction or elimination of pesticide use
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds using “Buying Bee-Safe Plants” methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants>)
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds that were not treated with neonicotinoids



Committee Photo

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Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: