

Bee City USA - Athens

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.

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

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

5

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

24

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

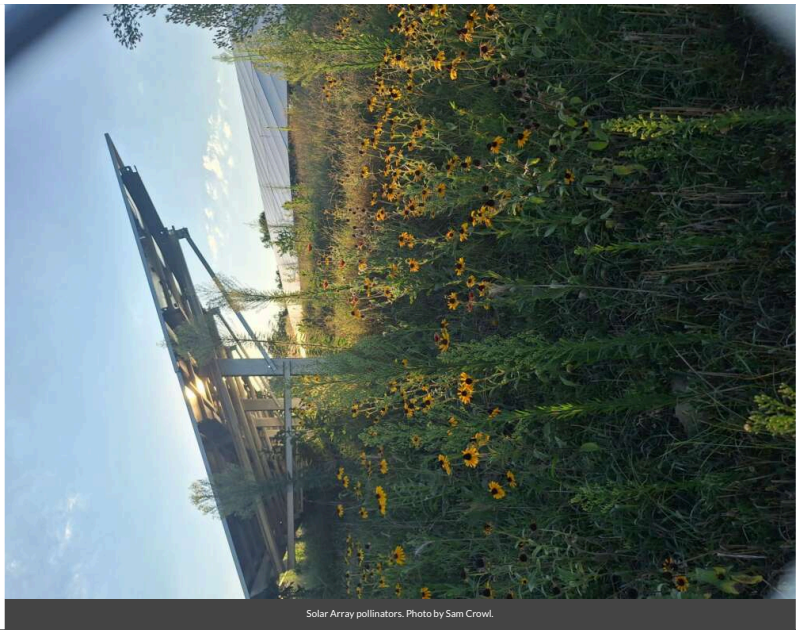
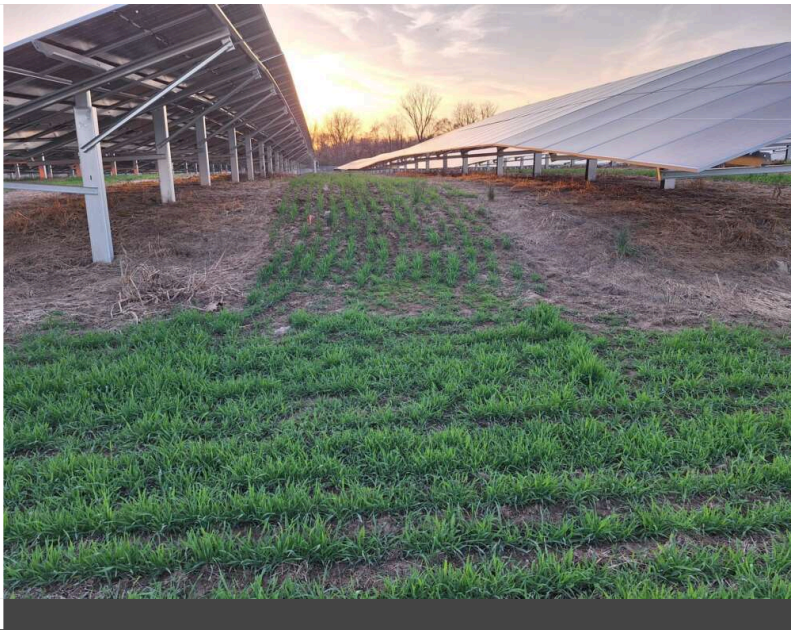
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How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

504000

Please check all that describe the habitats your affiliate helped to create or enhance in 2024 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
- Other



Solar Array pollinators. Photo by Sam Crowl.

Education & Outreach

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

Informational outreach events including Bee City pamphlets and discussions held at 36 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 2024 (in total)?

50

How many people attended those events (in total)?

500



Campus & Community Pollution Prevention Outreach. Photo by Sam Crowl.



Storm water Pollution Prevention Outreach at Baker Center. Photo by Sam Crowl.

Policies & Practices

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

Regular education through events and city commission meetings and outreach.

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

Regular City, University and Soil and Water Conservation District meetings concerning storm water management.

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**

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

no.

Committee Photo

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [Pollinator Application DCL_Final.pdf](#)

Recommended Native Plant List:

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

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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