

Bee City USA - Beaumont

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.

The Convention and Visitors Bureau partnered with Magnolia Garden Club to add the first of three pollinator gardens to the Tyrrell Park Nature Trail. The first garden was planted with emphasis on creating a habitat for avian pollinators. Additionally, we collaborated with a local Girl Scout troop to create a small pollinator garden at Cattail Marsh. This group was comprised of middle school students who earned an important badge towards their progression within Scouts, and they were also able to learn about the importance of native planting. Additionally, the City Parks Department installed approximately 5000 square feet of gardens that contain pollinator-friendly plants, native plants and season annuals.

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

7

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

35

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

7

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

8060

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

- Flower garden
- Orchard
- Pollinator-friendly lawn (with flowering clover, dandelions...)
- Herb garden
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting

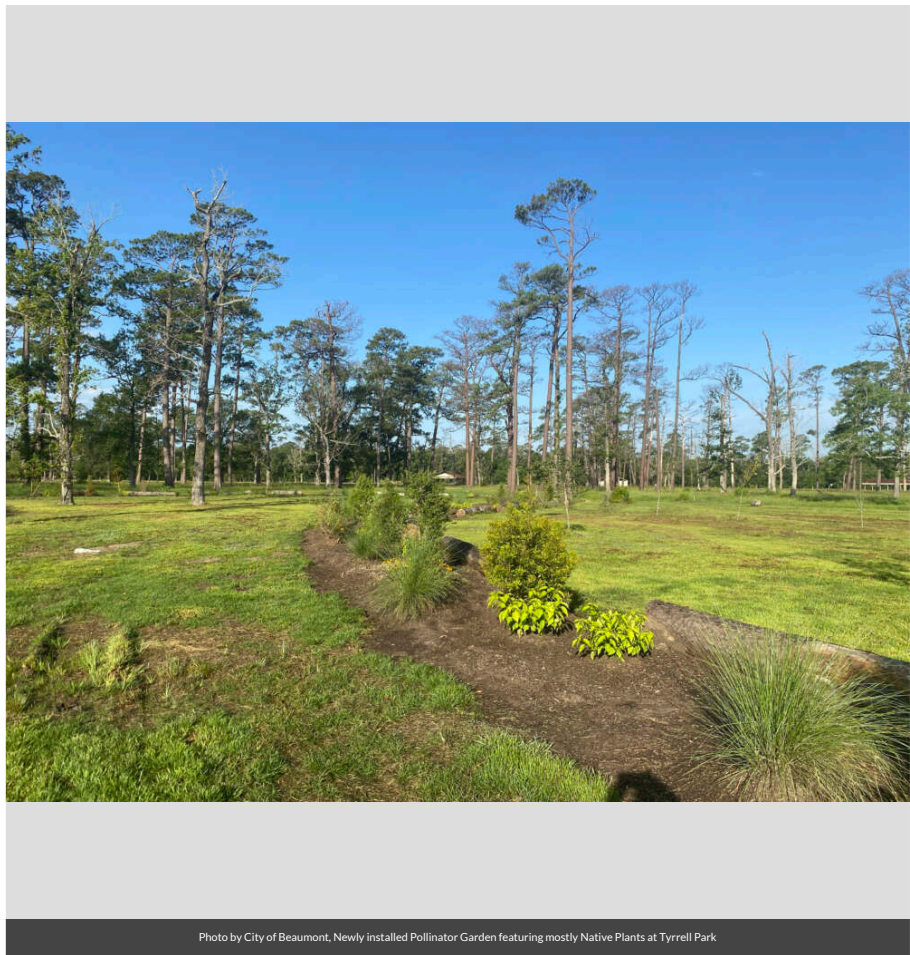


Photo by City of Beaumont. Newly installed Pollinator Garden featuring mostly Native Plants at Tyrrell Park

Education & Outreach

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

The Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau worked with various groups in 2024 to create two new pollinator gardens at Tyrrell Park and Cattail Marsh. Additionally, we hosted multiple programs promoting pollinator education and the importance of planting pollinator-friendly plants. These programs were aimed at educating children and their families, and were hosted at the Cattail Marsh Wetlands Education Center and the Tyrrell Park Nature Center. The team at the Tyrrell Park Nature Center also participated in multiple community programs and brought programs about pollinators to various segments of the community. The Parks and Greenspace Director also spoke at six different neighborhood association meetings in 2024 and shared information about the importance of pollinator-friendly home gardening with tips on how to incorporate this easily. While these programs were not hosted specifically by the Bee City Committee, members of the Bee City Committee were involved in many of these activities.

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

8

How many people attended those events (in total)?

500

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

4



Photo by City of Beaumont; Pollinator Education activity at Tyrrell Park Nature Center



Photo by Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau; One of our Bee City Street Signs (to be replaced with new logo signage this summer).

Policies & Practices

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

All pesticides were eliminated except for Crepe Myrtle aphid control.

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.

The City of Beaumont has reduced or eliminated the use of pesticides and herbicides on all City-owned properties.

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

No policy as of yet, but I am hopeful that the City Council will adopt a pollinator-protection policy in the near future.

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.

- 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)
- Reduced the total area of city or campus-managed lands to which pesticides are applied
- 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>)

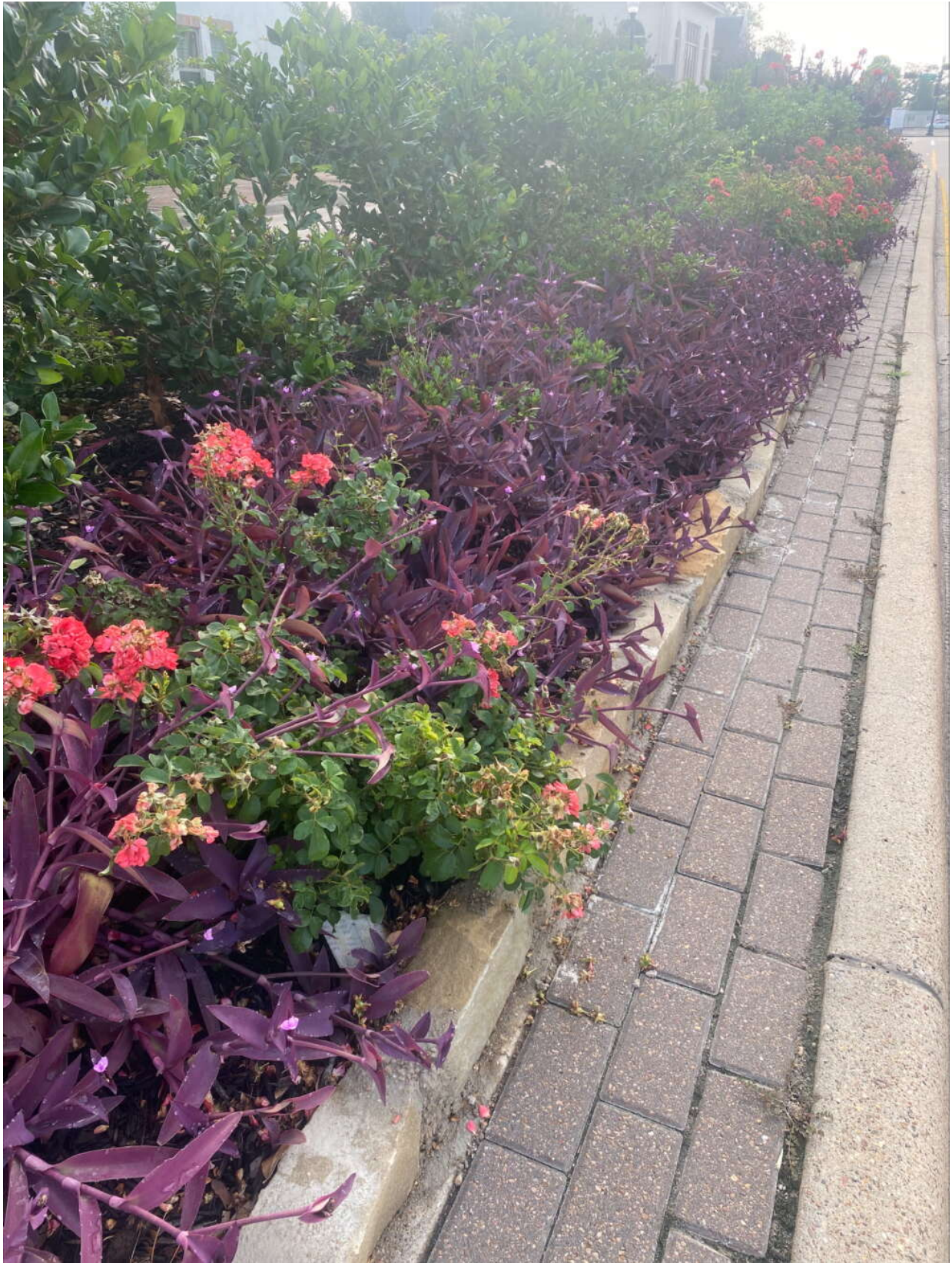


Photo by City of Beaumont; recently installed flower beds along a city street maintained without pesticides or herbicides

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

We have all learned a great deal about how a local city government can collaborate with like-minded non-profit organizations to achieve important projects that can enhance our communities.

Committee Photo



Photo by Magnolia Garden Club, Several members of our committee participated in the ribbon cutting for the new BMT Pollinator Sculpture Garden at Rogers Park

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