

Bee City USA - Bee Cave

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.

We are planting native wildflowers to support local ecosystems and enhance biodiversity. In addition, we are removing invasive plant species to help restore the natural balance of the environment.

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?

30

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

1

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

2000

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

- Pollinator-friendly lawn (with flowering clover, dandelions...)
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Roadside/rights of way planting
- Other

Education & Outreach

Please describe pollinator conservation events or outreach activities in your community in 2024, indicating whether your

committee hosted them or not.

Books & Bees, our annual event to highlight the significance of bees in our community is held every April. At the event we host various educational groups that are committed to preserving our fragile environment that directly impacts bee populations. <https://www.booksandbeesfestival.com/>

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

1

How many people attended those events (in total)?

500

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.

We avoid using pesticides to protect pollinators and maintain a healthy environment. When landscaping, we prioritize planting native flowers that support local wildlife. Grass and vegetation trimming is kept to a minimum to preserve natural habitats.

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.

Yes, but it's difficult to control what organizations do that are not affiliated the City.

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

Not currently

Did your committee participate in any continuing education on ecologically-based Integrated Pest Management planning?

N/A

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

Native, drought-resistant plants help support bee populations especially during periods of prolonged drought without the need for additional watering. We several months off from trimming anything in the Spring to allow for the flowering plants to thrive.

Committee Photo

Learn More

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

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

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [NativePlantList.pdf](#)

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