

# Bee City USA - Bell Buckle

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.*

- In refurbishing the pollinator garden, several hundred pollinator friendly perennials were planted along with 250 daffodil bulbs
- Forty perennial plants that are pollinator friends were planted in eight flower beds downtown

*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?*

10

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

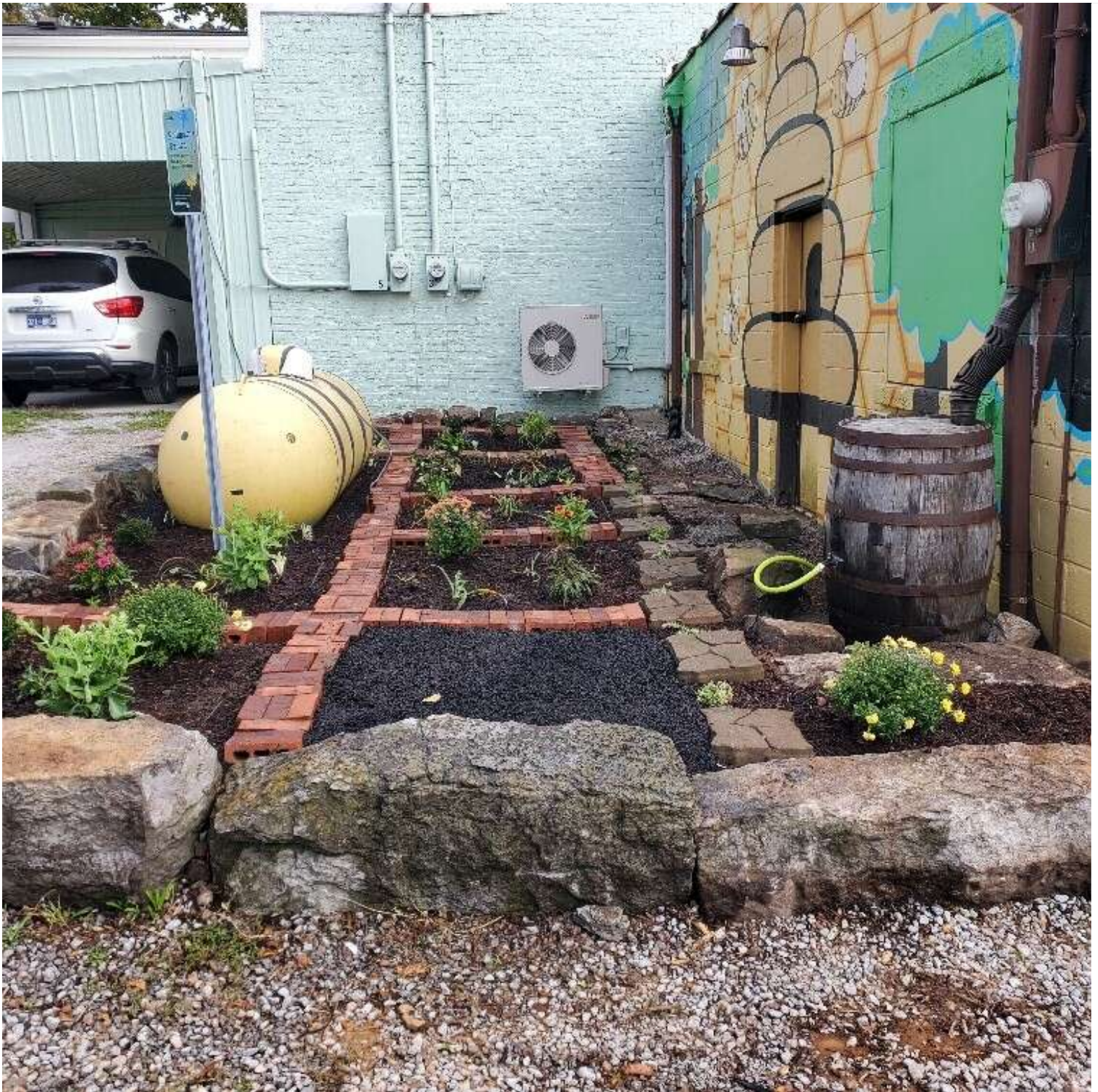
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*How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?*

500

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

- Flower garden
- Herb garden



## Education & Outreach

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

• The Bell Buckle Tree Board has replaced diseased and dead trees in public property in Bell Buckle and labeled the type of each tree. • Bell Buckle Beautification Committee has refurbished the pollinator garden at the back of the Bell Buckle Museum leveling the bed, bordering it with large foundation stones that permit seating for visitors. • Bell Buckle Daffodil Day encourages visitors and residents to plant daffodils and provides information on planting and propagating daffodils

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

3

*How many people attended those events (in total)?*

100

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

4



Pollinator Partnership Logo. Paid membership permits use of the image



Bell Buckle Bee City USA sign. Photo provided by Betsy Wheeler Bee City Committee

## Policies & Practices

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

- Visitors and residents on Daffodil Day were presented with information on pollinator friendly ways to control undesirable plants and encouraged to hesitate pulling up everything that is not recognizable.

*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.*

• Since we have a pesticide free policy in Bell Buckle, reeducation of the town policy is provided to new residents in the town.

*In your city or campus, are any policy initiatives underway to further protect pollinators, people or waterways from pesticides?*  
The Tree Board has consulted the State of Tennessee to maintain the Bell Buckle waterways free of undesirable chemicals and pollution.

*Did your committee participate in any continuing education on ecologically-based Integrated Pest Management planning?*  
Bell Buckle Beautification Committee participated in Pollinator Partnership.

*Please check actions you have taken to make pest management practices more pollinator-friendly.*

- Dropped pesticide use altogether on city or campus grounds

*Any lessons learned you would like to share?*

People are always interested in pollinator plants when they visit Bel Buckle. Many opportunities may involve only a few people but can have a domino effect.

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Committee Photo

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Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [ipm\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](#)

<https://ncipmhort.cfans.umn.edu/integrated-pest-management-ipm>

Recommended Native Plant List: [brochure\\_tdot\\_pollinators.pdf](#)

<https://www.picktnproducts.org/listview/native-plants.html>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [Tennessee native plants.docx](#)

<https://www.edenbrothers.com/products/tennessee-wildflower-seed-mix>

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