

# Bee City USA - Town of Berlin

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 have 8 pollinator friendly gardens around town that the town and the Berlin Horticultural Committee regularly maintain – weeding, replanting, watering, etc. We also plant pollinator friendly locally sourced plants for our lamp post baskets. We have about 30 planters!**

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

3

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

10

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

3

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

120

*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
- Pollinator-friendly lawn (with flowering clover, dandelions...)
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting
- Rain garden/bioswale



New pollinator friendly garden at our Welcome to Berlin sign. Photo by Allison Early

## Education & Outreach

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

**Farmers Market – Producers only market with many organic food options for our community and pollinator safe plants for sale. Farmers Market – We allow a local beekeeper to set up at the Berlin Farmers Market free of charge in exchange for giving our community lessons on the importance of bee and other pollinators. Pollinator Garden Tour – Hosted by the Berlin Horticultural Advisory Committee. We designed a map of gardens for viewers to participate in a self guided tour around town to see all the pollinator gardens. Random Acts of Art – Local artist drew cute bees on the sidewalk all over town in about a dozen different areas on the sidewalk during pollinator week Placed fun facts about pollinators in about 20 different downtown business windows during pollinator week.**

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)?

3



High school student helping to create our new garden. Photo by Allison Early

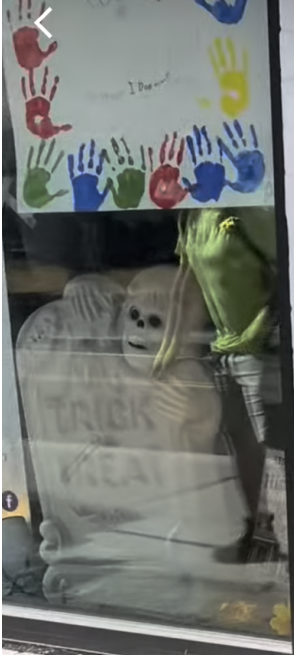
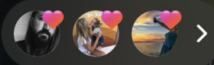


Annual Meet the Mayor event took place in our new pollinator garden. Poster by Allison Early



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## Policies & Practices

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

**Used a vinegar mix all over town – more than we have in the past.**

*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.*

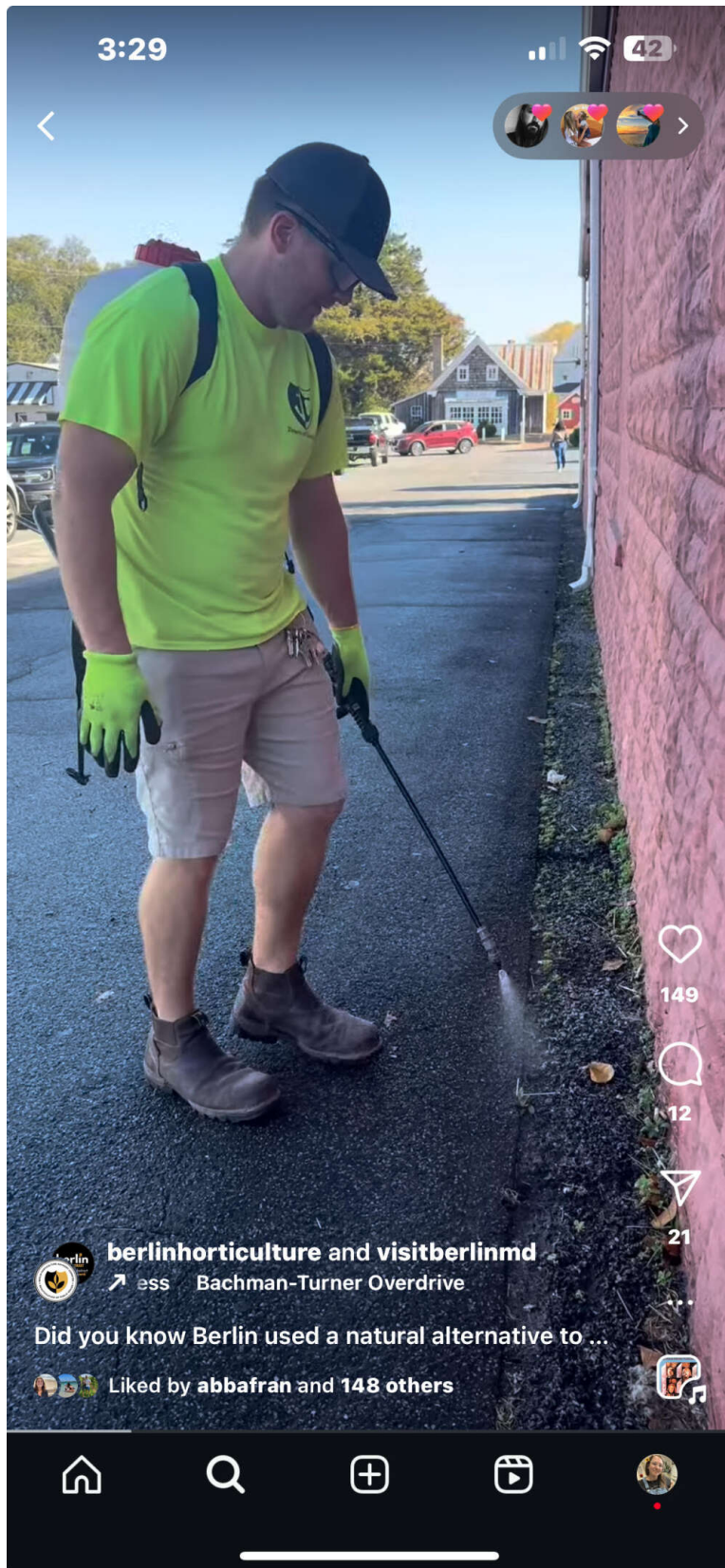
**Yes, we always keep a recipe for the vinegar mix for weed killing and offer bee city signs for those who don't use pesticides.**

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

## **Educating and promoting**

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

**no**



Using a vinegar mix for weeding around town! Photo by Allison Early

*Any lessons learned you would like to share?*

no

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Committee Photo



Learn More

**Integrated Pest Management Plan:** [Pest Management for Berlin.docx](#)

**Recommended Native Plant List:** [2021 Native Plant Guide \(3\).pdf](#)

**Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:** [2021 Native Plant Guide \(3\).pdf](#)

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