

Bee City USA - Berwyn Heights

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.

During the County sponsored event "Growing Green With Pride", the Green Team, the Town Public Works Department and other volunteers cleaned up the elementary school garden, working to enhance it as a pollinator garden

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

2

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

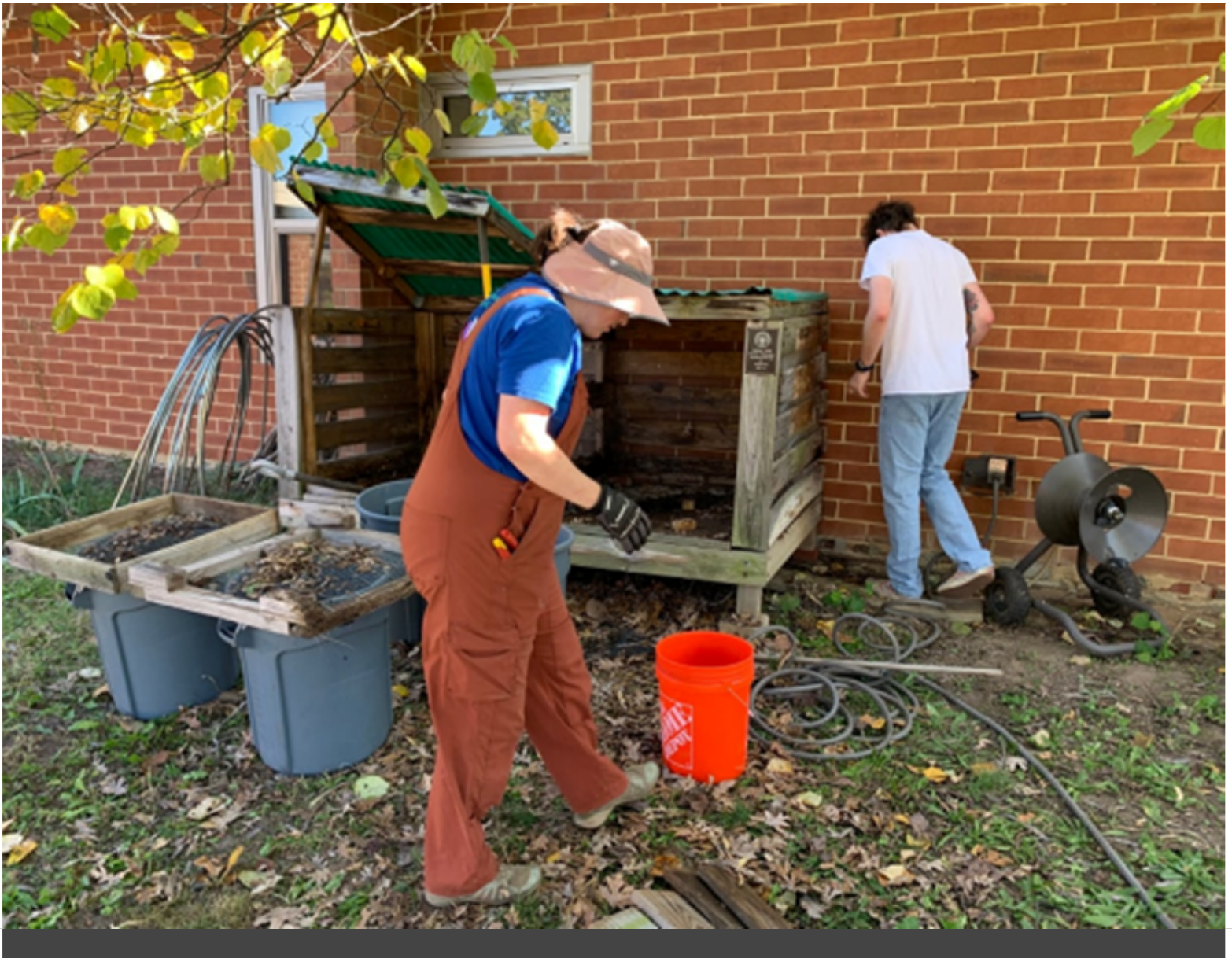
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How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

250

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

- Flower garden
- School garden



Education & Outreach

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

During pollinator week in June of 2024, the committee utilized the Town's electronic newsletter to highlight the 400+ native bees that live in Maryland, the Baltimore Checkerspot, which is the state insect and native pollinator. The article also gave tips on planting pollinator friendly yards and gardens and directed residents to the Bee City page of the Town Website for more information. Also the Green Team hosted a garden tour, visiting pollinator friendly gardens across

the community. UMD horticulturist and town resident shared a special focus on how to, as Maryland's climate changes, plant for resilience while choosing plants that are native to Maryland but also thrive in warmer, southern climates.

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)?

25

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

1



June 14, 2024

Town of Berwyn Heights
Maryland
ALL ARE WELCOME

BEE CITY USA
National Pollinator Week
June 17-24

UPCOMING EVENTS

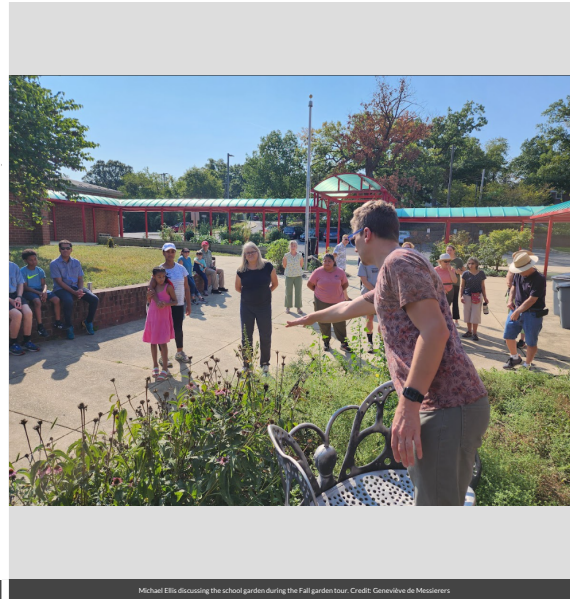
- June 15: Town Wide Yard Sale 8AM
- June 17: Worksession 7PM Council Chambers
- June 19: Juneteenth Town Offices Closed
- June 22: Fish Fry 11AM-3PM Town Center
- June 26: BHHC 7:30PM G. Love Room
- June 29: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 5-7PM

Berwyn Heights has been a Bee City since March 2022. As a community, we strive to be a Pollinator Friendly space and welcoming to all of our pollinators. The most important pollinator in the state are our bees. Over 400 species of native bees live in Maryland with five common families. These families include: Apidae (Honey Bees, Bumble Bees and allies), Halictidae (Sweat Bees), Andrenidae (Miner Bees), Megachilidae (Leaf-cutter Bees, Mason Bees and allies) and Colletidae (Plasterer Bees). There are also over 150 species of native butterflies in the state, including our state insect, the Baltimore Checkerspot. The Ruby-throated Hummingbird is also a native pollinator.

You can create a pollinator friendly yard with the following tips.

- Plant Natives. Native plants have co-evolved with native pollinators. Plant a variety of plants that bloom throughout the year to provide nectar and pollen for several seasons.
- Plant in batches. While it is tempting to include just one or two of each variety of plant, you may not attract pollinators. Plant in batches so bees and other pollinators can visit multiple plants offering their favorite dish.
- Maintain Habitat. Native bees nest in a variety of habitats, from sandy soil to dead trees to old stumps or dead flower stalks. Consider leaving these in your yard or build a bee house.
- Limit pesticide use. Pesticides are often harmful to non-target insects like bees and butterflies. Limit pesticide use and avoid pesticides with neonicotinoids, especially on flowering plants.

Visit the Town's [Bee City](#) page for Berwyn Heights specific plant lists and native plant vendors as well as habitat guides.



Michael Ellis discussing the school garden during the Fall garden tour. Credit: Genevieve de Messierers



Master Gardener Zoey Warwick shares her garden with residents. Credit: Genevieve de Messierers

Policies & Practices

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

The town maintained its use of the IPM plan.

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 Spotted Lanternfly has moved into the region. This has led to many in the community to be anxious for their plants and to use pesticides where they may not have done so in the past. The Town, with support from the committee utilized all sources of outreach, print, social media, electronic communication to highlight the futility of pesticides in SLF

control and to discourage the use of pesticides in general.

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

Not at this time

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

Not at this time

Committee Photo

Learn More

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

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

[/https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/media/5046](https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/media/5046)

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [Plant Vendors 2024.pdf](#)

<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/community/page/bee-city-usa>

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