

Bee City USA - Camp Hill Borough

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.

Camp Hill Borough completed a tree planting and streambank restoration project in our largest park in 2024. This project enhanced an existing natural area, and included a trail with educational signs. The pollinator garden at the Borough's clock courtyard was expanded by the Bee City Committee members and additional watering volunteers were incorporated into the schedule.

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

1

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

25

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

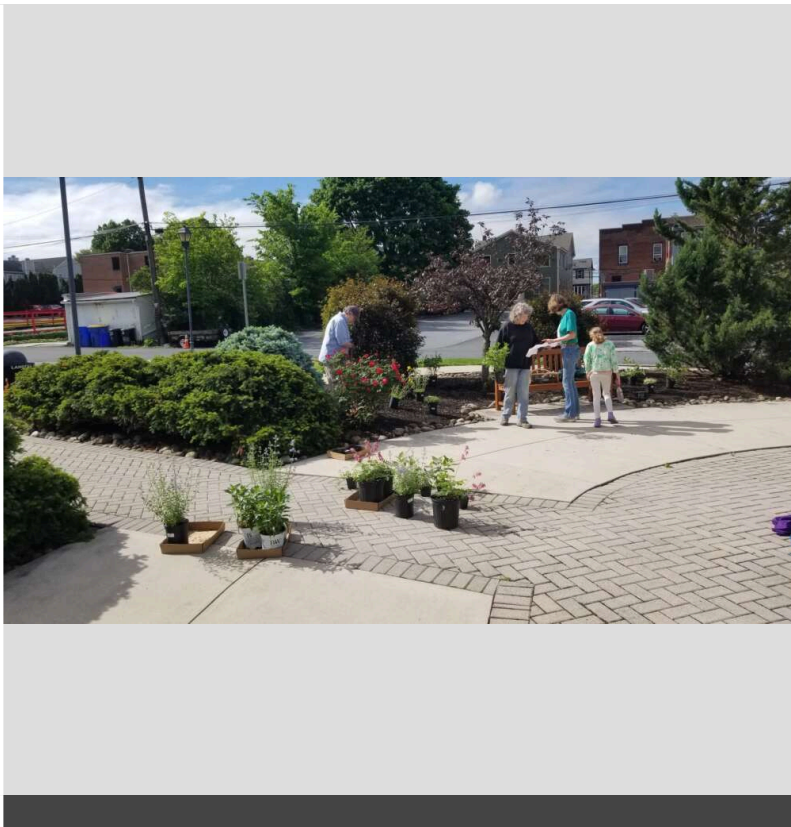
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How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

287

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
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting



Girl Scout pollinator garden at Borough Community Gardens (photo used with permission by Beth Kern)

Education & Outreach

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

Our Bee City Committee volunteers have planted, watered, and maintained a pollinator garden in the clock courtyard at Borough hall, which was planted using grant funds in 2023. The Committee participated in outreach activities in 2024 to share information about pollinators and to expand their team of watering helpers who water the garden daily throughout the summer. The pollinator garden is an educational hub, as the plants are labeled year-round and there is an educational sign permanently mounted next to it. In May, the Committee hosted an outreach table at the Market on Market farmers market sponsored by the Downtown Camp Hill Association, which has approximately 600-700 attendees. The Committee presented an outreach table at the Borough's annual environmental education event called "StormFest" in July. This event offers interactive activities for 500 attendees annually. The Committee provided expert technical assistance to a Girl Scout troop who planted their own pollinator garden at the Borough's community gardens. In September, the Committee held a plant swap/giveaway for the community.

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

4

How many people attended those events (in total)?

1250

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

2



Committee member Adele Philippides leading hands on pollinator activities at StormFest July 2024 (photo by Camp Hill Borough)



Committee members Bonnie Bentz, Adele Philippides and their special helper at StormFest July 2024 (photo by Camp Hill Borough)



Committee member Bonnie Bentz greets visitors at the StormFest educational table July 2024 (photo by Camp Hill Borough)



Policies & Practices

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

The Borough public works crew used natural pest management methods around the Borough hall, including near the pollinator garden planted and maintained by the Bee City Committee. The public works crew also added an identification flag to the off-road vehicle they use when spot spraying in parks to draw attention to their work.

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.

Pesticide use is a frequent topic among neighbors, particularly in the Country Club Hills area of the Borough, where several residents have taken a particular interest in educating their neighbors about the impacts of broadly applied pesticides. The topic has been discussed multiple times at the Borough Public Works Committee meeting.

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

The Public Works Committee reviews the park maintenance plan at least once a year. Pesticide use on public property is included in that review.

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

No we did not.



Educational signage at pollinator garden designed by Bee City Committee (photo by Camp Hill Borough)

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

A small, dedicated group of volunteers is just as effective as a larger group whose members are not as energetic and passionate about the Committee.

Committee Photo



Committee members Mike Dress, Lauren Taylor, Adele Philippides, and a young helper (photo by Bonnie Bentz)

Learn More

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

Recommended Native Plant List: [Camp Hill Bee City plant lists and nurseries .docx](#)

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Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [Camp Hill Bee City plant lists and nurseries .docx](#)

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