

Bee City USA - Charter Township of Ypsilanti

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.

At our Civic Center, we had a soil erosion issue with the retention pond in front of our building. With this renovation, we planted native grasses and sedges around the pond, and in the circle beyond that we laid down wildflower seeds. We also placed solitary bee houses in the trees around the pond.

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?

20

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

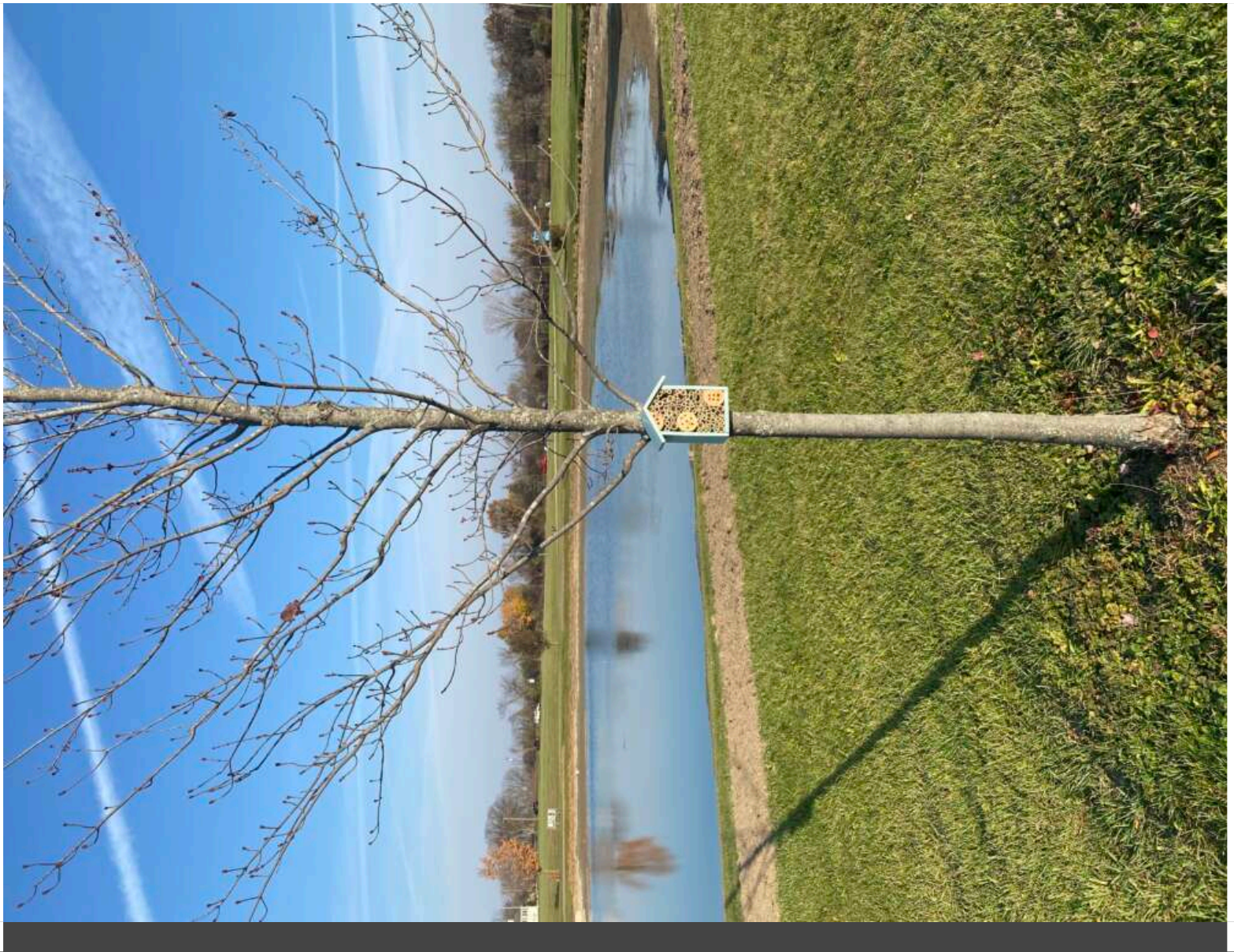
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How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

500

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

- Flower garden
- Vegetable garden
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Rain garden/bioswale



Education & Outreach

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

We had a Flying Into Autumn Craft Show where we handed out information from Xerces Society and handed out pollinator wildflower mix seed packets. The event was hosted by the Township and the Bee Committee had a table there.

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)?

350

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

1



Pollinator information table at the Flying into Autumn craft show (Elizabeth Reyher)



Seed mix packets that we handed out (Elizabeth Reyher)



Xerces information for our region available to take home (Elizabeth Reyher)



Policies & Practices

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

We have maintained our IPM plan.

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

Several rain gardens using pollinator friendly native plants were created in neighborhood parks and at our Community Center this year. These were all Board approved actions, partnering with our County Water Resources Commission.

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

We keep up to date on the Xerces publications.

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

Start small, do not be intimidated because doing something is better than nothing!

Committee Photo



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Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: