

Bee City USA - Cleveland

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.

Pollinator Planting Event (April 24, 2024): Hosted by committee. The committee and community, including city council members, city staff, and volunteers from Amazon Distributors planted a pollinator friendly garden at Fletcher Park. The plantings included trees, flowers, and seeds in approximately 1,000 square foot space that was also marked “no mow.” Pollinator seed packets were also gifted to attendees. A press release about the event shared Xerces Society resources for four simple ways to help pollinators.

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?

1

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

1000

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
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting



Education & Outreach

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

Staff met with the Ocoee Regional Beekeepers Association (May 21, 2024): Committee did not host. Staff shared about the Bee City USA program and the City's commitments as an affiliate. Staff listened to ideas from the Beekeepers Association members for future events and local programs. Bee City USA themed refuse container painted through a MainStreet Cleveland grant and placed in Art Alley (March 2024)

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

2

How many people attended those events (in total)?

70

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

10



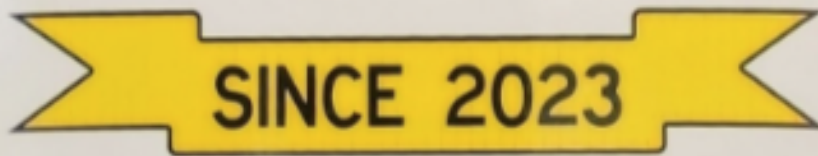
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Policies & Practices

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

Applying specific insecticides dealing with Emerald Ash Borer at times that the ash trees are not flowering to avoid damaging pollinator populations.

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.

N/A

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

This topic is part of our discussions during our tree board meetings and Committee meetings. We also have a city forester that pushing for using beneficial insect release to deal with harmful tree insects instead of defaulting to insecticides.

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

Staff and committee members attended Xerces Society online training sessions. The city forester attended the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council Conference where there were several seminars on Pest Management.

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

- **Distributed educational materials to residents or students to encourage the reduction or elimination of pesticide use**
- **Sourced plants for city or campus grounds using “Buying Bee-Safe Plants” methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants>)**

Office of the Mayor

Cleveland, Tennessee

Proclamation



"NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK"

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland became a Bee City USA affiliate on November 16, 2023, and has planted our first pollinator garden in Fletcher Park in April 2024; and

WHEREAS, bees play an essential role in our community by transferring pollen between flowers and enabling plant reproduction; and

WHEREAS, pollination enhances the quality of life by keeping the city's trees, plants, and ecosystems in a healthy condition while also allowing the opportunity for economic development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland has public parks and landscaping that contain greenery and plant life, where pollinators thrive in facilitating the reproduction of flowers; and

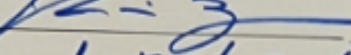
WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland provides recommendations to developers and residents on how to conserve the environment and keep the city's pollinators safe so we can flourish as a healthy ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, pollinators play a vital role in contributing to the City of Cleveland's food supply and plant conservation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland aims to preserve the pollinator species by providing enough plant life and nesting sites, reducing the use of pesticides;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin Brooks, Mayor of the City of Cleveland, do hereby proclaim the week of June 17-24, 2024 as our City of Cleveland's observance of "NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK" and as the City of Cleveland is an affiliate of Bee City USA, we urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of this city to be affixed.*

Mayor 
D. June 17-24, 2024



Committee Photo



Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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