

Bee City USA - Dawsonville

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.

Two new beds at the Main Street Park were created for monarch butterflies. This addition is registered with the Rosalynn Carter Monarch Butterfly Trail

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

8

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

8

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

4

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

- Flower garden
- Meadow
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Other

Education & Outreach

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

Our main event is the Annual Native Pollinator Tour that includes five downtown small pollinator spots and four members' home gardens. Guests receive plants and seeds and encouragement to use native plants and organic pesticides (if any at all). We also participate at the Farmers' Market each Saturday where we have handouts, plants and

seeds.

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

5

How many people attended those events (in total)?

85

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

5

Policies & Practices

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

A visit to the city's only hardware store helped to spread the word to use organic pesticides. The store manager displays safe usage of non-neonics.

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.

Outreach to landscapers is slowly happening.

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

n/a

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

We have literature and handouts available at various locations (stores) and gardens.

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

- Only use pesticides as a last resort within the IPM plan
- Avoided use of pesticides in public sites containing designated pollinator habitat or other sensitive features (except when targeted use is deemed the best option for invasive or noxious weed, insect or disease management)
- Reduced the total area of city or campus-managed lands to which pesticides are applied
- Distributed educational materials to residents or students to encourage the reduction or elimination of pesticide use

- Encouraged developers and private landscapers to source plants using “Buying Bee-Safe Plants” methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants>)
- Encouraged developers and private landscapers to source plants that were not treated with neonicotinoids

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

It's a slow process but worthwhile.

Committee Photo

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List: [RECOMMENDED NATIVE PLANTS FOR GEORGIA.docx](#)

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [Recommended Native Plant Supplier List.docx](#)

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