

Bee City USA - Holly Ridge

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.

The Holly Ridge Bee City USA Committee donated \$1,000 and volunteered at the Greater Topsail Community Gardens to provide pollinator-friendly plants to the local area.

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?

10

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

1

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

100

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



Holly Ridge Bee City USA Committee
 April 22, 2024 · 🌍



Greater Topsail Community Garden is 😊 feeling wonderful.
 April 19, 2024 · 🌍

News Flash! [Holly Ridge Busy Bee Committee](#) donated almost \$1000 to the garden to buy all these pollinators and herbs to increase our produce production by 20%! Volunteer... See more



A pollinator friendly flower being visited by a bee in the Greater Topsail Garden. Photo Courtesy: Sandi Monroe

Education & Outreach

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

In April 2024, Holly Ridge hosted its inaugural Bee Festival, attracting over 3,500 guests to this family-friendly, educational event. Attendees enjoyed a variety of bee-related vendors and exhibits, including displays from the Greater Topsail Garden, Brawes Farm (with a beehive display), and the Onslow County Beekeeper's Association, featuring an educational exhibit and a live hive. In November, Holly Ridge also hosted Bee Buddies, an interactive experience for children where they learned about the importance of pollinators and ways to protect them.

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)?

5000

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

4





Policies & Practices

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

We have established a "no spray" list for residents who are beekeepers or are conscious of pollinators, ensuring that no pesticides are applied in their vicinity. This initiative has been well-received by the community, fostering a stronger sense of environmental stewardship among residents. By prioritizing the health of pollinators, we contribute not only to the preservation of vital ecosystems but also to the enhancement of local biodiversity. As a result, gardens are flourishing, and the community is witnessing an increase in the population of bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects.

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 town is still continuing to work on their IPM.

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

The town's Public Works department is exploring more pollinator-friendly pesticides and/ or practices to begin removing the use of them.

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

No, but the committee members are willing to do so.

Committee Photo

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

<https://growingsmallfarms.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/BeePlants2015.pdf? fwd=no>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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