

# Bee City USA - League City

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.*

We held a pollinator plant planting event with the League City Garden Club at the Nature Center and also Hometown Heroes Park. Both parks have pollinator gardens and they needed to be replanted with some new pollinator plants after a couple of hard Winters in back to back years. The gardens were replanted with native pollinator plants in the Fall of 2024. All of the plants made it through the hard Winter and have now come back up and are thriving in the Spring heat.

*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?*

25

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

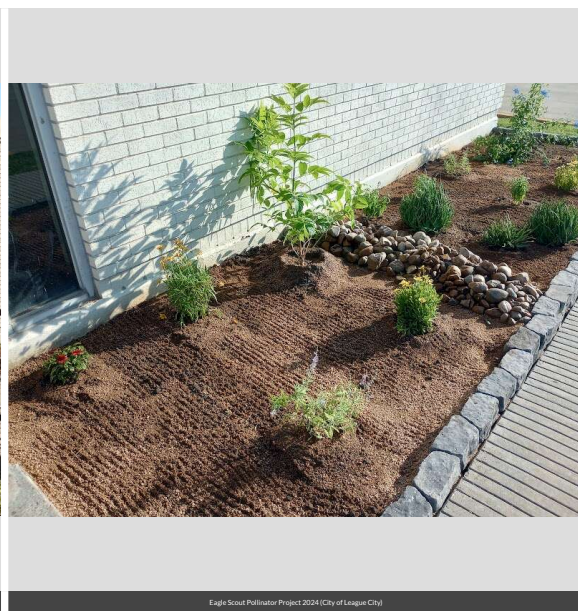
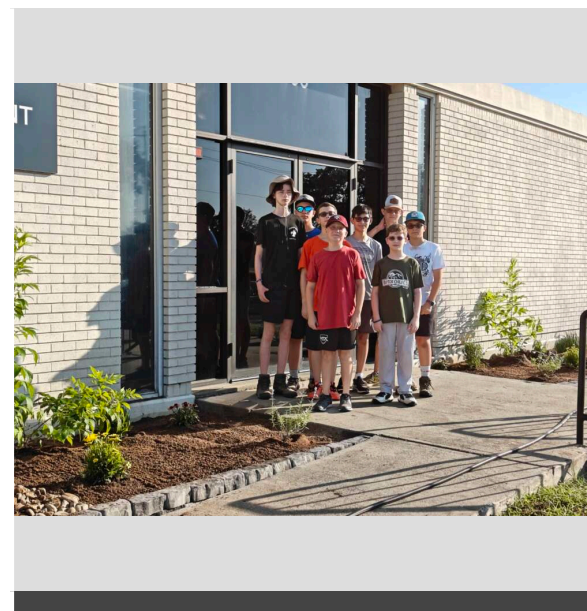
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*How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?*

550

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

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



Eagle Scout Pollinator Project 2024 (City of League City)

Nature Center Pollinator Garden Cleanup (City of League City)

## Education & Outreach

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

We held 2 events last year. One was at our Library which featured a children's book reading about Bees. There were 20 kids that were in attendance for the event. The event was held in the Spring and it was also used as an education session for both the children as well as the parents about the importance of bees and other pollinators. Last Fall we had our annual Eco Fest event as well. This event focuses on the outdoors and nature and pollinators. There are educational classes and this year we had one on pollination and birds and bees. We also gave out over 400 free trees. There were even pollinator plants that were for sale that were good for bees and birds and hummingbirds.

*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)?*

920



Eco Fest Booths and Vendors (City of League City)



Eco Fest Educational Class (City of League City)



Eco Fest Kid's Pollinator Plant Activity (City of League City)

## Policies & Practices

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

We at the City have taken it upon ourselves to create no mow areas. We have large no mow areas of 2-3 acres at Hometown Heroes Park. This is an area that is now no mow and wildflowers have been planted in those areas. Now we will mow the area one time per year to keep the tall grasses and weeds down in the Fall, but this all used to be an area that was mowed once a week all year long. There is no pest management or turf management on these areas any longer as well. Our 2 large pollinator gardens are free of pest management. We do not treat anything in the gardens. We even leave alone large any beds and let nature and the weather take those out on there own over time. Those are just a couple of examples of pollinator friendly pest management.

*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.*

This is an area that still needs a lot of assistance in our community. There are very small individual efforts that I know of where homeowners are are doing this on their own at their homes, but that is about it. There are more homeowners however in the area who are starting to practice this now. So baby steps indeed.

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

This is just like the answer to the question above to be honest. There is no official policy, however some of us in the City have started practicing no mow and low mow activities on small parcels of City Parks. We have also decided to stop

using certain pest control and weed control products. So, baby steps once again, however these are steps in the right direction.

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

We did have a couple of our committee members take part in a continuing education class during the 2024 Eco Fest event that I talked about earlier. It was just one class but 2 of the members attending that class in person.

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

- Implemented or maintained a written 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



## Hometown Heroes Park No Mow Wildflower Planting Day (City of League City)

*Any lessons learned you would like to share?*

The only thing that I can add is that we keep trying to make a difference. It's very small baby steps, but we are making a little forward progress. I would just tell others to not give up. Keep up the hard work!

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### Committee Photo



Bee City USA Committee Meeting (City of League City)

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Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [IPM Plan - League City Texas.docx](#)

Recommended Native Plant List: [Bee City USA - Native Plant List - League City.pdf](#)

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [Bee City USA - Native Plant Sources - League City.pdf](#)

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