

# Bee City USA - Lynchburg

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 City of Lynchburg's Buildings and Grounds Department cleared an area at Ivy Creek Park for the addition of wildflowers and native grasses (this area is competing with autumn olive and winter bittersweet) and converted 2 acres to be MOWED ONCE ANNUALLY; At Riverside Park, B&G converted a .25acre area to PERMANENT NO-MOW with a .45acre area converted to MOW ONCE ANNUALLY (with Japanese stilt-grass encroaching) along with continued maintenance/enhancement on the raingarden, pollinator and wildflower garden areas. B&G also converted Jefferson Park's field of 7.75 acres and .3 acres of banks to LOW MOW (with Johnsongrass encroaching). The Tinbridge Trail Head was converted to .4 acres MOWED ANNUALLY. And lastly, B&G has converted .18 acres at Percival's Island to MOWED ANNUALLY status. Additional native plants, habitat and garden beds were added at Miller Center.

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

14

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

27

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

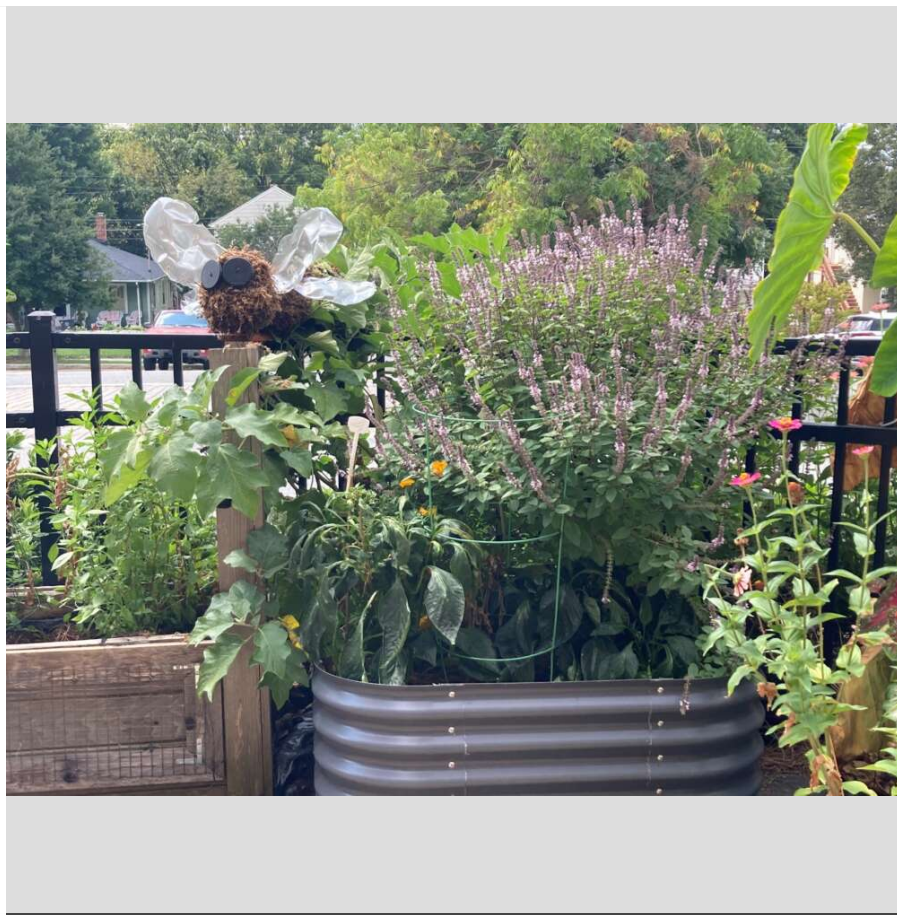
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*Please check all that describe the habitats your affiliate helped to create or enhance in 2024 with pollinator benefit in mind.*

- Flower garden
- Vegetable garden
- Meadow
- Pollinator-friendly lawn (with flowering clover, dandelions...)
- Herb garden
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Rain garden/bioswale



Pollinator Habitat & Signage @ Miller Center by L Hudson



Miller Center Vegetable Garden/Pollinator Habitat By L Hudson

## Education & Outreach

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

Blue Ridge Conservation engaged in various activities throughout Lynchburg promoting pollinators. They sold native plant seed mixes to the Lynchburg Community, sponsored educational spots on local radio stations, continued their garden certification program, donated 10 earth boxes to Lynchburg City Schools for use in their classrooms, made a \$1,000 grant to Randolph College for their Food Forest, made a \$1,500 grant to Vector Space for a pollinator garden and advised on plant choice, provided two educational opportunities to members and their guests on planting natives and continued to help maintain and fund maintenance for the pollinator beds on the expressway. Hosted by member of our committee. Nature by Nurture tabled a few festivals that included pollinator specimens for visitors to handle and learn about. Hosted by member of our committee. The City of Lynchburg Naturalists Department hosted a 'Week of Green' event which offered an array of activities: A 'Reduce, Reuse, Renew at the Market' event which consisted of visiting with organizations in Lynchburg that do their part to save the Earth; a tabling Event 'Earth Day at Randolph

College'; a College Hill Water Treatment Plant Tour which provided education on the history of water and the work it takes to keep clean water flowing throughout Lynchburg hosted by Lynchburg Water Resources; a Tree Stewards Interest Meeting to help citizens learn about becoming of members of this group of volunteers who help maintain street trees, plant trees in parks and educate the public on the importance of trees; a Water Resource Recovery Facility Tour that included a tour of wastewater treatment process, visiting the certified testing laboratory, learning how to help keep our water clean at home; a Solar Energy Saturday which included hands on activities and inter-active exhibits, a hike to learn about invasive flora in the area, learn about native animals; and lastly participate in painting designs on a storm drain near Ivy Creek Park. Hosted by member of our committee.

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

4

*How many people attended those events (in total)?*

260

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

4

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Policies & Practices

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Committee Photo

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Learn More

**Integrated Pest Management Plan:**

**Recommended Native Plant List:** [Native Plants of Central Virginia latest.pdf](#)

**Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:** [Source of Native Plants in the Central Virginia Area.docx](#)

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