

# Bee City USA - Matthews

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.*

**Continue to collaborate on any grants or opportunities to enhance open spaces**

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

2

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

6

*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
- Herb garden



## Education & Outreach

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

Our committee participated in 5 events – April 13, April 20, May, June 22, Oct. They were a booth at 2 'Kids in Nature Day', booth at Matthews Farmers Market, and 2 school presentations – most often having the observation hive.

*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)?*

2000

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

3



## Policies & Practices

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

Per our town contact who we continue to work with: We are still doing many things to help offset what pesticides we use. This is the time of year when fertilizers and herbicides are being applied, however we are doing everything we can to minimize the risk to pollinators. These IPM practices include mulching beds, putting signs on areas that have been treated with herbicides, and documentation of all products used. While still not perfect, I look for suggestions on ways to further reduce weed populations all while keeping our workloads manageable. Let me know if you have any questions or information on products that are pollinator-friendly.

*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.*

**yes, see above our continuous communication with the town**

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

**not at this time but keeping it top of mind**

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

**not this past year but hope to in near term**

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

- **Implemented or maintained a written IPM plan**
- **Only use pesticides as a last resort within the IPM plan**

*Any lessons learned you would like to share?*

**No space is too small, it all helps**

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Committee Photo

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Learn More

**Integrated Pest Management Plan:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-Z-vbA8eJwRuQH4Sl11EQmb71hZEpaRcZwNV31IVVpE/edit?usp=sharing>

**Recommended Native Plant List:**

**Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:**

<https://www.facebook.com/CarolinaHeritageNativePlants/>

<https://www.matthewsnc.gov/pview.aspx?id=20875&catID=563>

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