

Bee City USA - Red Wing

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.

Please see response above. Many of these events are cross over educational and habitat creation. All projects were hosted or in partnership with RW Bee City Steering Committee

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

4

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

18

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

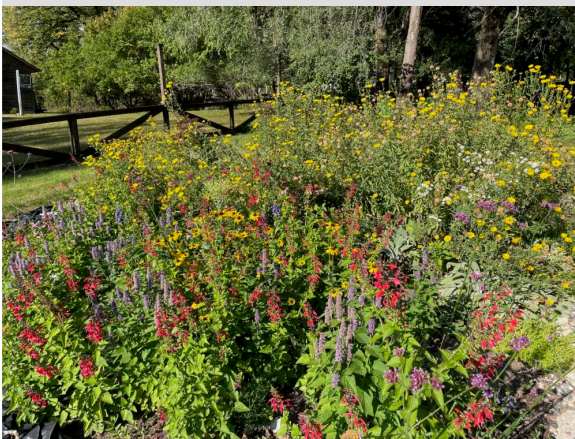
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How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

239680

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
- Pollinator-friendly lawn (with flowering clover, dandelions...)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting



Red Wing Shoe 5.5 acre pollinator project outside of the Bemiside manufacturing plant (Kristen Bandurki)



We hosted a biking and walking tour of residential pollinator gardens to inspire our community to convert their green spaces and learn from one another (David Anderson)

Education & Outreach

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

He Mni Can & Red Wing Shoes Field Trip <https://theprairieenthusiasts.org/events/minnesota-driftless-2024-04-28/>
RW Master Gardeners Establishing a Resilient Pollinator Garden Presentation -5 sessions throughout the summer at The Goodhue County Horticultural Society, The Goodhue County Extension Master Gardeners, The Red Wing Library, United Lutheran Church, and Anderson Center Seed Library at Red Wing Public Library
https://archive.org/details/corwmn-A_Seed_Library_at_the_Red_Wing_Public_Library Red Wing Pollinator Garden Lawn Tour
<https://www.q-mediagroup.com/post/red-wing-pollinator-garden-lawn-tour#:~:text=Self-guideddrivingtourandguide dbicycletouroptions,toasmanyhostsitesastheywant>. He Mni Can Barn Bluff Sage Garden Clean Up a small team worked to maintain and establish a garden at the base of He Mni Can
<https://www.honoringdakota.org/community-engagements> Red Wing Shoe Company Prairie Project
https://www.republicaneagle.com/news/red-wing-shoe-s-native-prairie-habitat-an-improvement-for-employees-environment/article_ef326eb8-4ad5-11ef-aa02-cf2b6baf30a0.html River City Days the Sustainability Commission offered a booth at our annual event along with the city of Red Wing providing educational information about the Lawns to Legumes program and other resources on pollinator habitat conversion. Earth Day Tree Giveaway trees are given away to the community via raffle. In 2024 50 Linden trees were donated and planted in our community. The Linden tree was selected for its pollinator support attracting bees.

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

8

How many people attended those events (in total)?

240

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

6





Policies & Practices

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

We have developed an integrated a pest management program for the city of Red Wing through our Public Works Department

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.

Two our prairie projects have converted previously chemically managed turf grass into prairie habitats that are now pesticide free.

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

Our pest management plan covers our current efforts.

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

Many stakeholder groups were consulted for their knowledge in the final draft of our Integrated Pest Management Plan. We remain open to learning more about best practices.

Chemical: *Using pesticides to manage pests and invasive plants.* Pesticides that control weeds are called herbicides, and many herbicides are available. The City's protocol is to read product labels carefully and know how pesticides will affect plants, animals, and humans before applying them. City staff and their contractors are licensed in any chemical-use applications they use.

Chemical Application: The City's goal is to limit the use of all chemical pesticides on City properties. The City strives to use pesticides that target specific problems rather than broad-spectrum pesticides that can impact non-targeted species. Whenever possible, the City will use the least toxic concentration that is highly effective with a short re-entry or a rapid dissipation. This reduces the chemical release into the environment and helps prevent accidental exposures.

- The City will strictly limit the use of glyphosate, but it reserves the right to apply this chemical if necessary. The only exception is He Mni Cañ-Barn Bluff, where the chemical will not be used at all unless the Land and Environment Department of Prairie Island provides written permission to use it and is onsite for advisement during implementation.
- The City will consult with local experts on the best chemical to use when considering the use of pesticides.

City of Red Wing Management Plan for Pests and Invasive Plants (RW Public Works)

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

This initiative has been a wonderful way to bring our community together under a common goal of helping supporting pollinators

Committee Photo



Pollinator Garden sign at Featherstone Park (Tilton Davis)

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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