

# Bee City USA - Round Rock

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 helped (donation of both supplies & man power) to enhance (2) local school gardens and to create (1) school garden. We also helped to enhance (1) local church garden and create (1) other church garden. We planted native wildflower pollinator seed at (4) city owned storm water detention pond berms/greenbelts.**

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

**9**

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

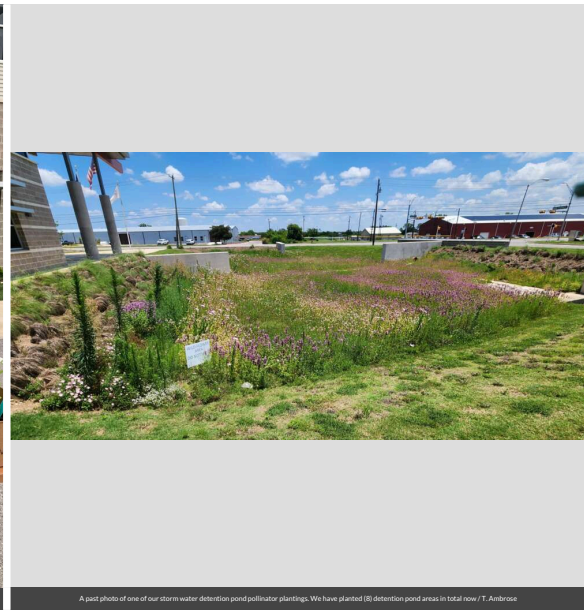
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*How many projects benefit monarchs, milkweed, or nectar plantings?*

**9**

*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
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species
- Meadow
- Pollinator-friendly lawn (with flowering clover, dandelions...)
- Herb garden
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- School garden



City Native Plant & Rain Barrel Distribution Event / T. Ambrose

A past photo of one of our storm water detention pond pollinator plantings. We have planted 80 detention pond areas in total now / T. Ambrose

## Education & Outreach

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

**We gave away 18,000 free pollinator seed packets to the public in 2024. We had Bee City/pollinator booths at (18) city sponsored events and several booths at non-city sponsored events. We did (3) site visits to local schools, which was new for us – collaborating with schools is on our priority list as we grow each year.**

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

**23**

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

**3000**

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

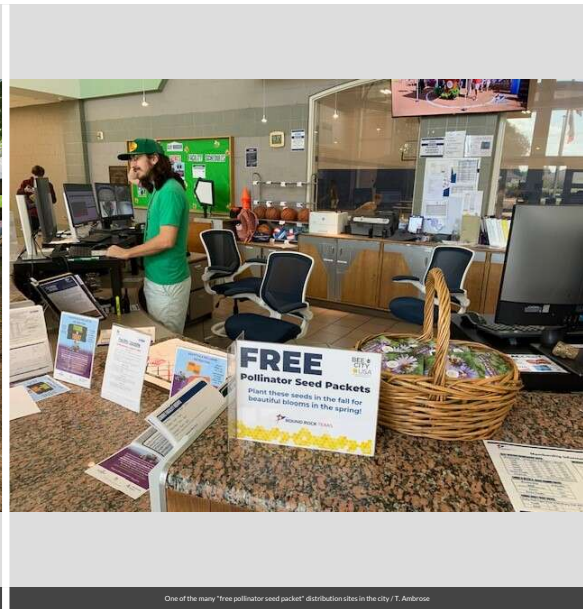
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City Library "children's summer reading program" kick-off celebration / T. Ambrose



City Earth Day Celebration / T. Ambrose



One of the many "free pollinator seed packet" distribution sites in the city / T. Ambrose



## Policies & Practices

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

The city continues to use the least harmful pest management practices as possible – escalating pesticide use only when necessary – and only in areas where it is deemed necessary.

*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.*

There is no "formal" effort under way but protection of native/pollinator habitats is becoming more and more "main stream" in our area. There are many grassroots/school groups promoting protection/least harmful pest management practices.

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

The city regularly monitors the waterways flowing through the city for pesticides and other contaminant's. The city has also declined/removed itself from the county's indiscriminate pesticide spraying for mosquitos.

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

We have (3) certified Master Naturalists on our Bee City Committee and they do Continuing Education classes every year on a multitude of topics (including IPM) to maintain their certification.

*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)
- Implemented non-chemical pest prevention and management methods on city or campus grounds
- Distributed educational materials to residents or students to encourage the reduction or elimination of pesticide use
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds that were not treated with neonicotinoids



Native wildflower/pollinator planted meadow without pesticides/maintenance / T. Ambrose

*Any lessons learned you would like to share?*

We pride ourselves on "pivoting".....if something does not work - it is okay to admit it and change course. By the same token, "if its not broke, don't fix it".... and lastly - while everyone seems to love butterfly's, not everyone likes bees - some people just dont want to hear our message....sigh.

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Committee Photo



Some of our city's "small but mighty" Bee City employee committee members / T. Ambrose

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [Integrated Pest Management.docx](#)

Recommended Native Plant List: [Native Planting.pdf](#)

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [Native Plant List & Texas Suppliers.pdf](#)

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