

Bee City USA - Shady Shores

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 continue to enhance our Town Hall gardens and beds for pollinators. We are also working with a Gold Girl Scout project to reclaim a small area of town property.

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?

15

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

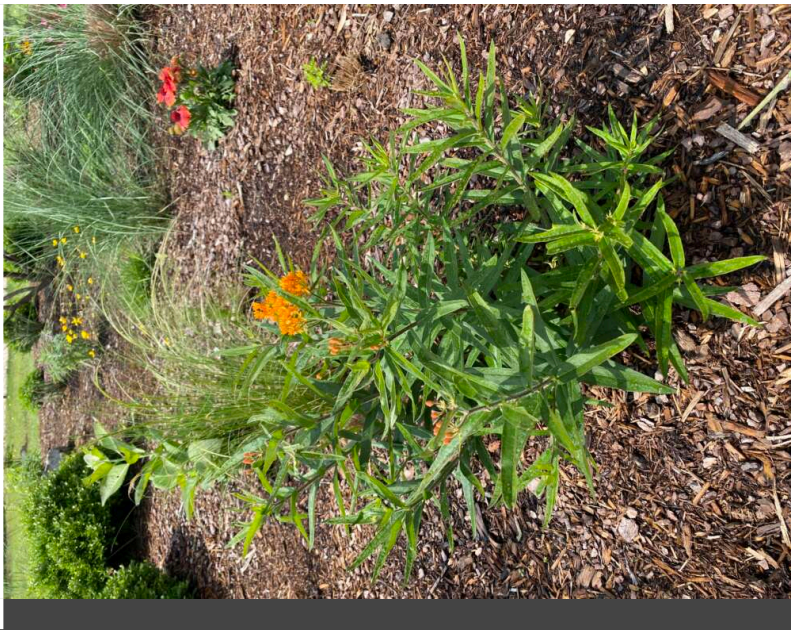
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How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

30

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)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting



Native plants in our Town Hall flower beds

Education & Outreach

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

Our spring event was rained out, so we could not host a community event.

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

1

Policies & Practices

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

We avoid pesticides on Town Campus and in our reclaimed area.

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, we encourage through social media

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

no

Did your committee participate in any continuing education on ecologically-based Integrated Pest Management planning?
no, we would like more information on resources

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

- 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)
- Distributed educational materials to residents or students to encourage the reduction or elimination of pesticide use
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds using “Buying Bee-Safe Plants” methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants>)
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds that were not treated with neonicotinoids
- Encouraged developers and private landscapers to source plants that were not treated with neonicotinoids

Committee Photo

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

<https://shady-shores.com/1021/Butterfly-Garden>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

<http://www.shady-shores.com>

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