

Bee City USA - Thompson's Station

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 maintain 2 specific pollinator gardens and maintain additional beds of pollinator friendly plants.

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

3

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

3

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

60000

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

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

Education & Outreach

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

We have encouraged local Girl Scout troops to plant pollinator plants within their gardens and have added policy for native planting. Education came with both.

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

3

How many people attended those events (in total)?

150

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.

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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.

We intend to add these efforts

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

We intend to add these efforts

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

Yes- Tennessee Chapter of the American Planning Association

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

- Only use pesticides as a last resort within the 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)
- Eliminated pesticide uses that are solely to maintain aesthetics on city or campus grounds
- Reduced the total area of city or campus-managed lands to which pesticides are applied
- Distributed educational materials to residents or students to encourage the reduction or elimination of pesticide use
- Encouraged developers and private landscapers to source plants that were not treated with

neonicotinoids

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

The initiative of promoting pollinator gardens, planting strips, and meadows are often confused with the addition and maintenance of “bee gardens”. Honey bees, and the care for hives, is a potential outcome of increased pollinator population but is not the only, or even the main goal of the updated planting plan.

Committee Photo

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List: [Tree and Plant List- Land Development Manual.pdf](#)

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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