

# Bee City USA - University Park

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 are entering our 6 years of maintaining a third acre Urban Meadow, installing a native fern garden to battle invasives instead of pesticide se, mechanically removing invasives regularly.**

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

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

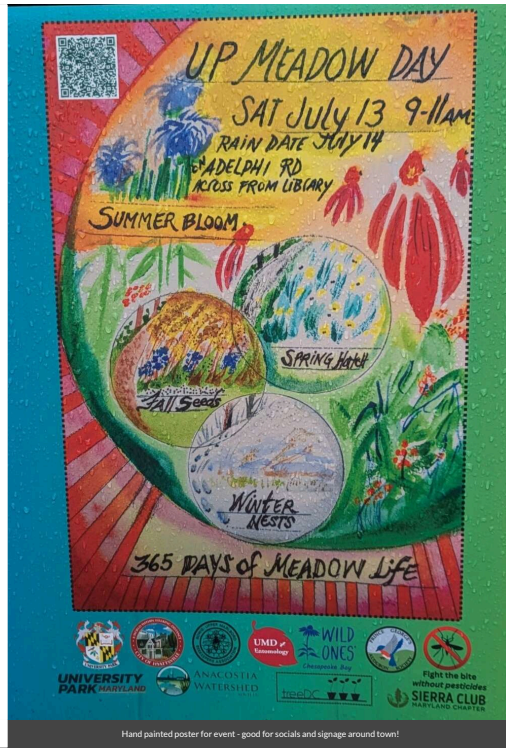
**40**

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

**14520**

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

- Meadow
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Roadside/rights of way planting
- Other



## Education & Outreach

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

We hosted 13 events – meadow restoration, meadow seeding, meadow seed collecting ( for seed swap) every month except Dec. Our tent pole event is UP Meadow Day which hosts a dozen exhibitors, a native plant giveaway and promoting non toxic ways of dealing with pests.

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

11

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

300

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

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UP Meadow Day shares native seeds at Seed Swap at the Mount Rainier Nature Center.



UP Meadow Day and Wild Ones team up for fun!



Collecting native pollinator seeds in the Meadow to giveaway later!



Lovely!

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## Policies & Practices

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

**We remove invasives so native plants get more resources to support native pollinators – we do something towards this each month except December – seed swaps, compost spreading, weeding meadow, seeding meadow and collecting seeds from meadow.**

*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.*

**Our exhibitors educate on the extensive affects of pesticide use at UP Meadow Day. I have been working to get a Standard Operation Policy in place for the Meadow that includes no use of pesticides.**

*In your city or campus, are any policy initiatives underway to further protect pollinators, people or waterways from pesticides?*  
**I have been working to get a Standard Operation Policy in place for the Meadow that includes no use of pesticides.**

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

**Yes – UP Meadow Day is now entering its 5th year – a great community education day that is fun!**

**<https://www.facebook.com/share/18NjGWGUKw/>. We also tried for press work and got this in 2024:**

**[https://streetcarsuburbs.news/native-gardening-with-jimmy-celebrating-urban-meadows/?fbclid=IwY2xjawlXbeNleHRuA2FlbQlXMQABHbTYcb3pbISRXX3tKjWeg1sZb\\_QnYpPjzmyQCXkuDx9RKFSw80\\_B9gntWw\\_aem\\_wAki3xu-hJ2e06Gg6EGnPA](https://streetcarsuburbs.news/native-gardening-with-jimmy-celebrating-urban-meadows/?fbclid=IwY2xjawlXbeNleHRuA2FlbQlXMQABHbTYcb3pbISRXX3tKjWeg1sZb_QnYpPjzmyQCXkuDx9RKFSw80_B9gntWw_aem_wAki3xu-hJ2e06Gg6EGnPA)**



Exhibitor at UP Meadow Day promoting no pesticide use.

*Any lessons learned you would like to share?*

Maintain your volunteers -- annual thank you parties, honor with civic duty pins, welcome the children and create a safe place for all to return to.

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## Committee Photo



UP Meadow Day's committee!

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Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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