

Bee City USA - Village of Bald Head Island

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.

Committee volunteers, with staff assistance, maintain the pollinator garden. It was expanded in 2024 to a little over half its original size to the full 785 square feet, plus 10 square feet at the Community Library. In March 2024, the committee received a grant award from Monarch Watch and received one flat of milkweed plants, which were planted later that spring.

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

1

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

30

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

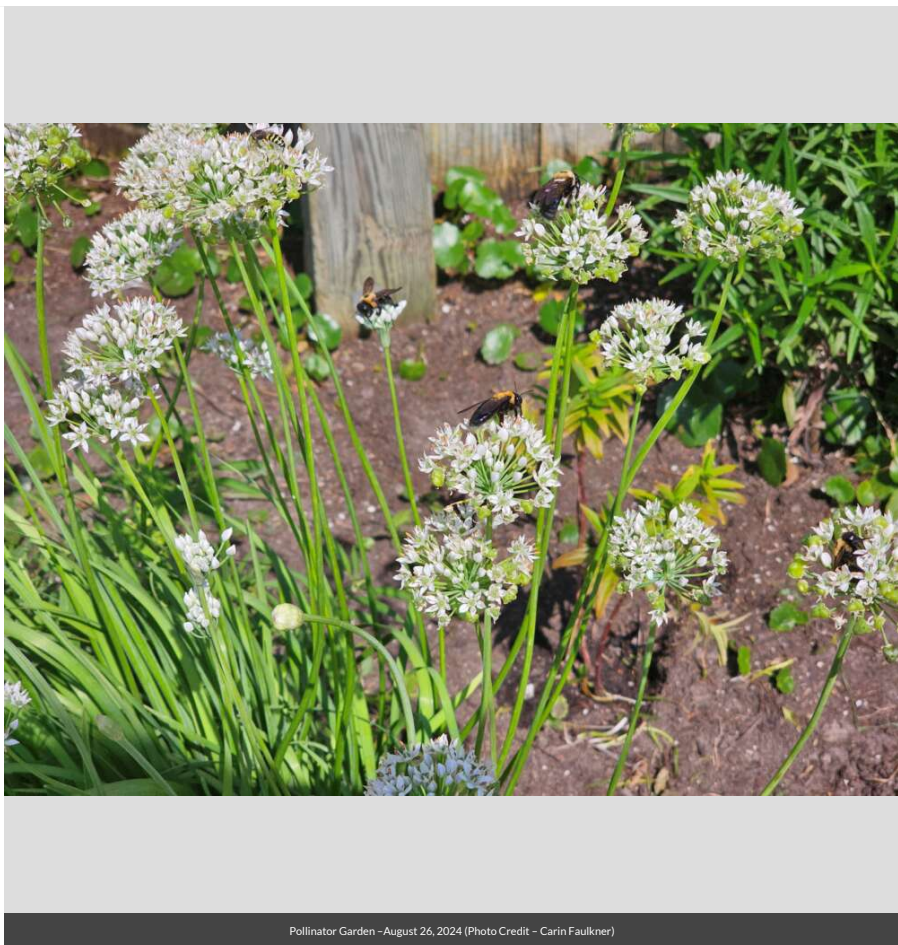
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How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

795

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

- Flower garden
- Pollinator-friendly lawn (with flowering clover, dandelions...)
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Other



Pollinator Garden - August 26, 2024 (Photo Credit - Carin Faulkner)

Education & Outreach

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

- Educational presentation on Bees, Birds, and Butterflies (not hosted by committee - hosted by BHI Conservancy).
- Field trip to local herb farm where many of the pollinator garden plants are purchased (hosted by committee).
- Earth Day Pollinator Event - native plant sale, farmers market, bioblitz challenge, unveiling of Bee City USA sign (hosted by committee).
- Educational Sign Unveiling - Two educational signs were installed at the pollinator garden. Contents on Sign 1 include: What is a pollinator? What role do native plants play? BHI as a Bee City USA affiliate, BHI is part of the Butterfly Highway, iNaturalist. How can you help? Contents on Sign 2 include: What are some pollinators on BHI? What are some plants that attract pollinators?

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

4

How many people attended those events (in total)?

91

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

1



Field Trip to Shelton Herb Farm - March 12, 2024 (Photos and collage by Pat Miller)



Birds, Bees, and Butterflies Education Session - February 27, 2024 (Photo credit Carin Faulkner)



Educational activities for kids at the Earth Day Pollinator Event on April 5, 2024 (Photo credit Carin Faulkner)



Unveiling of Bee City USA sign on April 5, 2024 (it was later moved to roadside location). (Photo credit Carin Faulkner).

Policies & Practices

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

The Village has started working on the Integrated Pest Management Plan. We also encourage our beekeepers to register at <https://nc.beecheck.org/signup#beekeeper>, and we refer to the registry before we apply any chemicals.

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.

No

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

Working on the IPM.

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

No.

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



Unveiling of the Pollinator Garden educational signage. October 7, 2024 (Photo credit Carin Faulkner)

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

No.

Committee Photo



Volunteers sharing information and selling native plants at the April 4, 2024, Earth Day Pollinator event. (Photo credit Carin Faulkner).

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List: [Plant List July 2022.pdf](#)

https://www.baldheadassociation.com/Images/bhnews/site/about/ARC/2023/Plant_List_July_2022.pdf

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

<https://villagebhi.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Recommended-Plant-Supplier-List.pdf>

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