

Bee City USA - Walden

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.

The two Welcome Signs and the Walden Town Hall were enhanced and included pollinator habitats.

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?

12

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

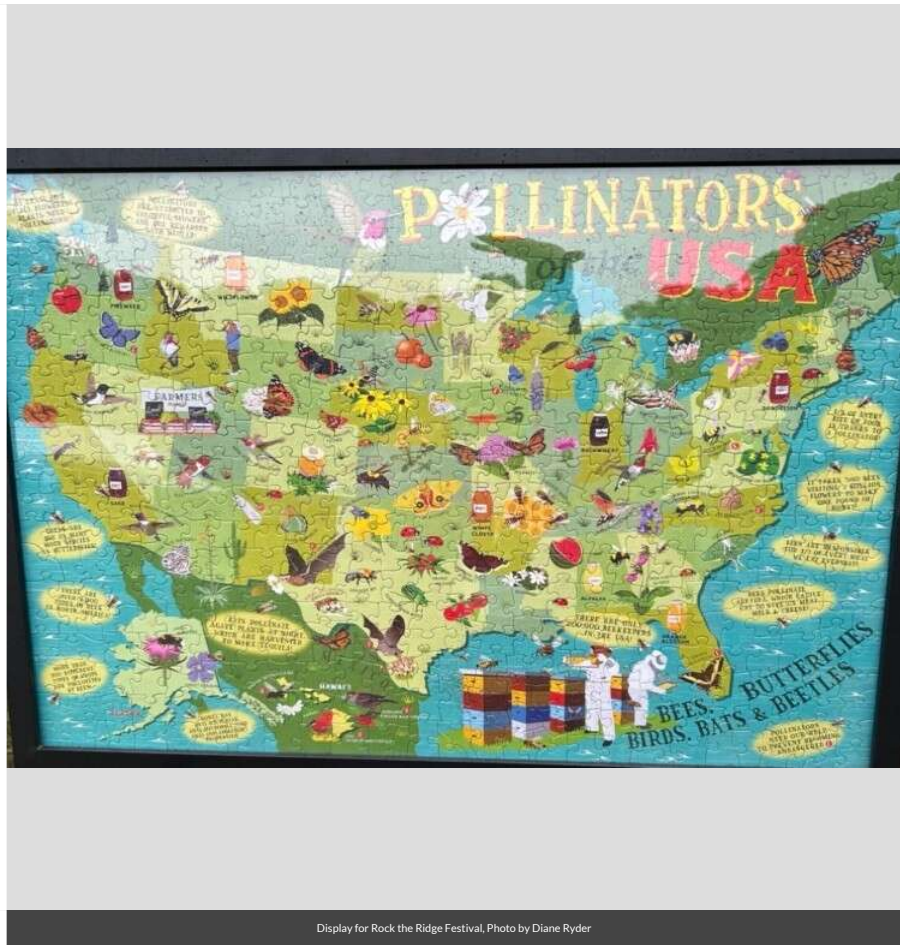
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How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

60

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)
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting
- Roadside/rights of way planting



Display for Rock the Ridge Festival. Photo by Diane Ryder

Education & Outreach

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

Rock the Ridge Festival, is a festival that Bee City USA Walden TN participated. This Festival is to raise awareness of the rich environment that is Walden's Ridge and encouraging its conservation. Six Native Plant Vendors were available to promote the use of native plants in Walden and across Signal Mountain, Tennessee. Wildlife and children's programs were available, as well as featured speakers. Some of the other exhibitors that participated in the festival were the Cumberland Trail Conference, TN Nature Conservancy, Master Gardeners of Hamilton County, TN Invasive Plant Council and the TN Urban Forestry Council as well as TN Valley Wild Ones and TN Native Plant Society. Water Ways, Walden Environmental Committee, Chattanooga and the Sierra Club also participated. Bee City USA Walden TN Chair, Diane Ryder joined with the Garden Club of Signal Mountain to educate mountain residents on how to use native plants in their gardens for pollinators.

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

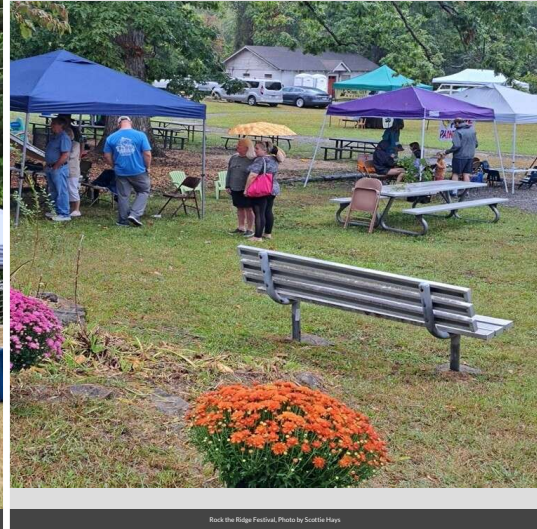
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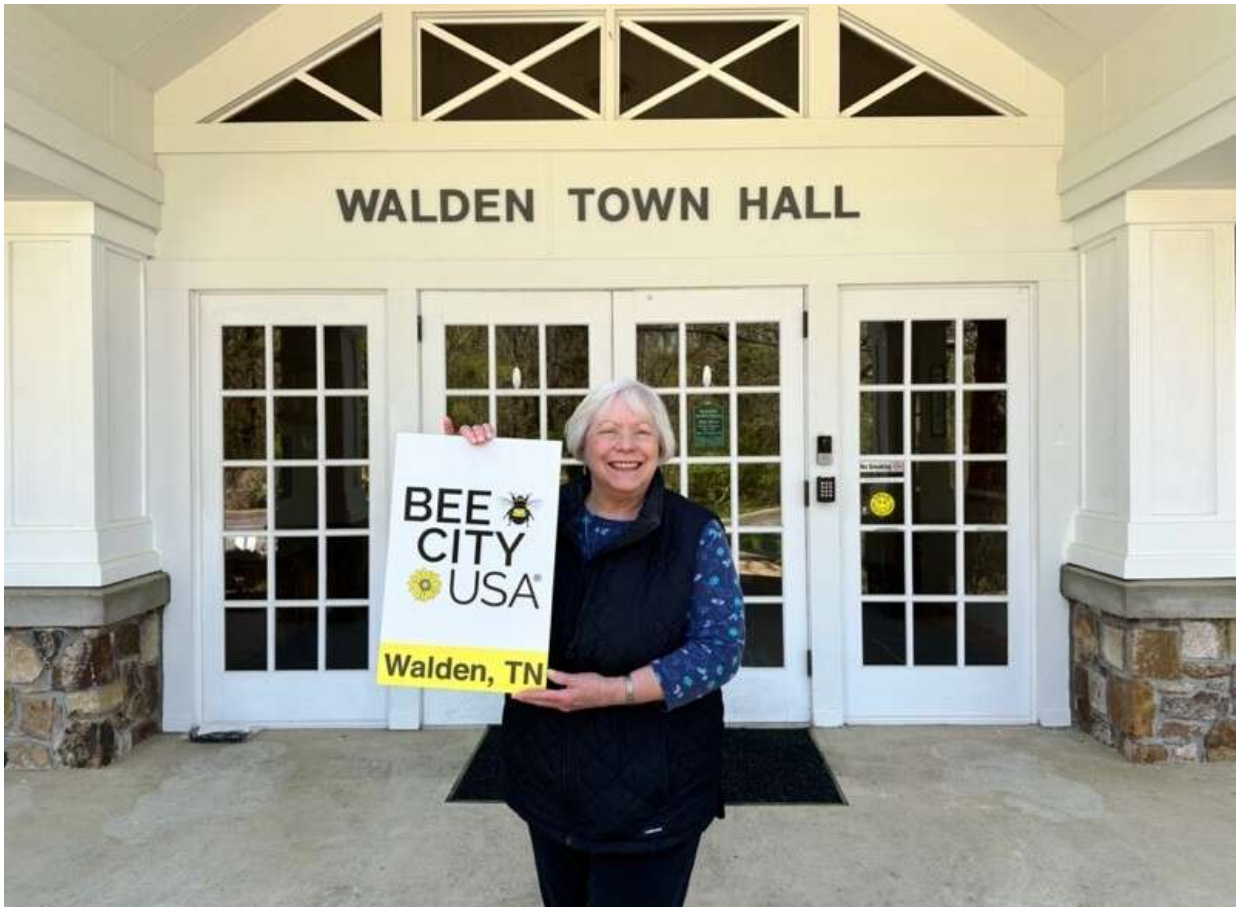
How many people attended those events (in total)?

550

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

2





Diane Ryder with Bee City Sign at Walden Town Hall, Photo by Ellen Young of Walden Town Hall

Policies & Practices

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

We only use organic weed killer and that is only very sparingly.



Pesticide-Free Yards

Making Signal Mountain a safer place to live.



Display for Rock the Ridge Festival, Photo by Darcy Welch

Committee Photo

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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