

Bee City USA - Washington

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 work on the restoration of Kingman and Heritage Island to remove invasive plants and create more native habitat including meadows. Kingman and Heritage Islands are located in the Anacostia River and managed by the District. In 2024 several invasive removal events were co-hosted with the National Park Service and Living Classrooms. We also continue to manage meadows in right of ways in two locations in the District.

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?

50

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

- Meadow
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- Rain garden/bioswale

Education & Outreach

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

Every year DOEE participates in outreach activities to promote pollinators in the District. This year a few of the events that we participated in were the National Cherry Blossom Festival Petalpalooza, Earth Day, Environmental Youth Summit, and smaller events at public libraries and schools. Petalpalooza was a large scale event attended by several hundred people. We shared information about pollinator friendly yards, using pesticides responsibly, the role of native

and managed bees, and gave out numerous packets of native plant seeds. Larger events like this and Earth Day are events that we were invited to. Smaller more intimate programming at libraries and schools were hosted by DOEE staff and reached District residents in their communities.

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

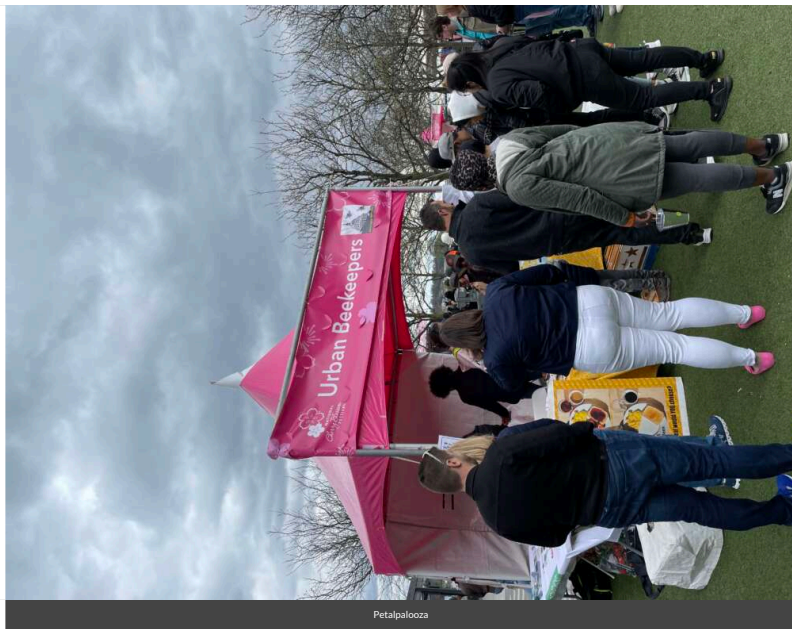
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How many people attended those events (in total)?

1120

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

2



Policies & Practices

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

We have been working with the DOEE Pesticide Division to educate pesticide applicators on using pollinator friendly methods, including using BeeCheck to see if there are any honey bee colonies in the area that they plan to treat. We also have outreach to the general public about the proper use of pesticides.

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.

There is a neighborhood in NW, Shepherd Park, that is working on Mosquito abatement using pollinator friendly techniques instead of conventional pesticides.

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

None at this time.

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

No

Committee Photo

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

<https://doee.dc.gov/service/integrated-pest-management>

Recommended Native Plant List:

<https://doee.dc.gov/service/plant-pollinator-garden>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

<https://doee.dc.gov/node/1128482>

<https://doee.dc.gov/node/1650481>

https://www.instagram.com/doee_dc

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