

Bee City USA - Westover

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 maintained pollinators habitat and plan on starting an orchard in 2026.

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?

20

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

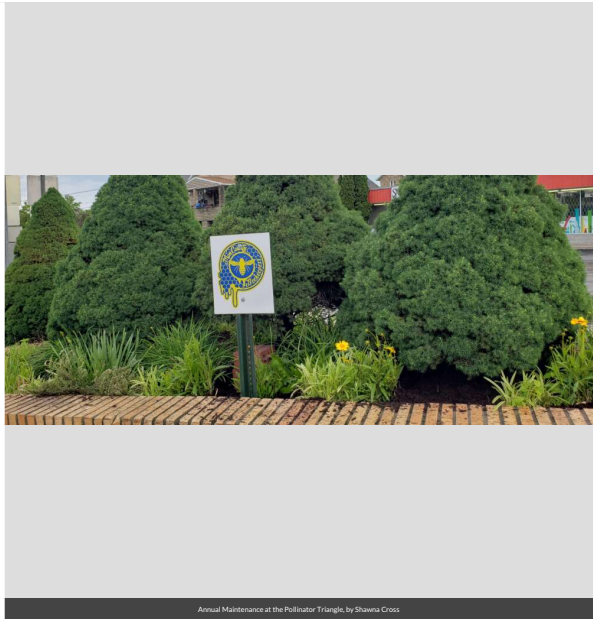
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How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

110

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

- Flower garden
- Herb garden
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting



Annual Maintenance at the Pollinator Triangle, by Shawna Cross



Annual maintenance at the Westover City Park flower bed, by Kennis Baker

Education & Outreach

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

May 18 2024 Westover and The Monongalia County Beekeepers Association hosted the annual Pollinator Triangle and city park flower bed maintenance and clean up. 2024 WV Honey Trail hosted by state tourism Visit Mountaineer Country. <https://www.visitmountaineercountry.com/west-virginia-honey-trail/> December 15 2024 Westover hosted the inaugural Westover Winter Fest. This event was well received with over 250 people in attendance. The Mon Co Beekeepers Ass had an educational display & honey for sale. Visit Mountaineer County gave out hot chocolate and tourism information, including The Honey Trail.

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)?

300

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

1





Visit Mountaineer County giving out hot chocolate and Honey Trail information at Westover WinterFest 12/15/24 photo by Shawna Cross



Outreach Volunteers from local organizations participating in Winter Fest 2024, photo by Bob Luceri



Annual maintenance of the Pollinator Triangle with pollinator hotel info, by Mika Lamp

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Policies & Practices

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

Our pollinators habitat alleviates need for pesticides. More can always be done. Education and outreach is done but more is needed.

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.

Education and community outreach is done through events we host and participate in.

In your city or campus, are any policy initiatives underway to further protect pollinators, people or waterways from pesticides?
I'm not aware of anything new.

Did your committee participate in any continuing education on ecologically-based Integrated Pest Management planning?
Yes, the Monongalia County Beekeepers Association has the State Apiarist give an annual presentation on pesticides effects on honeybees and treatments to keep our bees healthy.

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

Keep in touch with surrounding cities and organizations. We can help each other and our pollinators.

Committee Photo

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

<https://www.epa.gov/ipm/introduction-integrated-pest-management>

Recommended Native Plant List:

<https://wvdnr.gov/native-plants-sources/>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

<https://wvdnr.gov/native-plants-sources/>

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