

Bee City USA - Ridgewood

Report on 2021

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

We are constantly adding to and expanding our butterfly garden. Additionally, we are rehabbing one of our native wildscapes, including dredging the lake, removing invasive plant species, and creating areas dedicated to pollinator nesting areas.



The Green Team about to work on Kings Pond



Looking for and removing any signs of Knotweed along the banks

Education & Outreach

We were able to host some wonderful events in our community. 1) The Ridgewood Public Library held a virtual reading program also had a pollinator craft that families could pick up at the library and kids could do after the reading. Our library's reading program is always well-received, and many families participate in this pollinator event. 2) The Ridgewood Conservancy maintained our pollinators garden, and we provided valuable information about the various plants and



helping native pollinators. 3) We held a dedication to our Butterfly garden this year, which included a permanent installation of musical instruments and additional native plantings. 4) In celebration of Earth Day, we provided information about bees, native pollinators, and the importance of making your yard pollinator-friendly to our residents. 5) To raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, our village installed a town apiary, consisting of 5 hives. We held two events at the apiary to allow people to see bees up close. The goal was to show people that bees and all pollinators are friendly and don't have to be feared/avoided. 6) Thanks to a girl scout project, we were able to have native bee houses installed on village property. 7) We are rehabbing Kinds Pond, a natural wildscape in our village. We continue to add to it, including providing nesting sites for native pollinators, and removing invasive non-native plants.



Svea and Ella M. celebrating at the Butterfly Garden



Ribbon cutting at the Butterfly garden



Policies & Practices

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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