



Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019

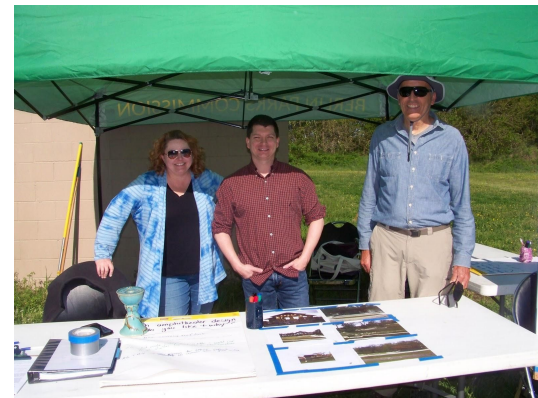


Berlin, Maryland

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Staff and volunteers creating pollinator gardens in Heron Park.



Members of the Heron Park Advisory Committee set up a table explaining the importance of pollinators and pollinator gardens.

1st event: Berlin Clean Up Day. On this day town Staff and community volunteers come together and clean up the public parks and various areas of the town. During clean up day individuals were tasked with cleaning up and maintaining the four pollinator gardens in town as well as making and installing bee boxes in Heron Park.

2nd event: A local organization, Worcester Youth and Family, worked with the town to expand a pollinator garden in Henry Park, installed a rain garden, and helped to create bee boxes.

The Bee City Committee has partnered up with Maryland Coastal Bays, Worcester Youth and Family, Master Gardeners, Lower Shore Land Trust, and other important local organizations in the area to plan educational opportunities and outreach opportunities in the community for 2020. An individual from each organization has made a commitment to serve on the Bee City Committee for the town. We will meet again in March to plan 2020 events.

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT

Explained in the last section: Berlin Clean Up Day and Worcester Youth and Family Event.

We have formed a committee with members of other organizations in the community that can assist the committee in creating a healthy habitat for our community while benefiting our coastal bays and local watersheds.

POLICIES & PRACTICES

Town staff does not spray in the mornings, near flowers, all root-based spraying, mostly sidewalks, they keep a log of spraying, they do not do it when it is windy, or spray in the parks or near crops of any sort. The committee is also planning to educate the residents on means of alternative spraying. One person suggested 1-gallon vinegar, ½ cup of dawn, and 2 cups of Epsom salt.

We are working towards establishing policies and practices for the Mayor and Council to adopt.

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List —

<https://berlinmd.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/native-plants-list.pdf>

Regional Native Plant Supplier List —

<https://berlinmd.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/bee-plants-list.pdf>

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan — This plan is still being established. Hoping to have a draft completed in the near future.

CONTACT US!

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Website — <https://berlinmd.gov/save-the-bees/>

Social Media — We are in the process of creating a facebook page that we can associate with the Town's facebook.