



# Bee City USA Annual Report for 2018 Pollinator Conservation & Education CARRBORO, NORTH CAROLINA



## EDUCATION & OUTREACH

In the fall of 2014, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen adopted a resolution to apply to Bee City USA, and Carrboro became the 3rd Bee City USA community. The Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) took on the role of serving as a citizen's advisory group, a requirement for participation in Bee City USA. In 2015-2017, a number of activities were pursued, as described in the 2015, 2016, and 2017 reports. This quick update focuses on 2018 activities.

The EAB showed up at the Farmers' Market to let folks know about Pollinator Week and promote participation in Bee City USA.

The "Bee City" page was updated on the Town's website to help promote pollinator protection and habitat restoration. Mayor Lydia Lavelle provided a proclamation on 6/5/18 to coincide with National Pollinator Week.

For the fourth straight year, a decision was made to host a Father's Day movie at the Carrboro Century Center. The documentary, "The Guardian," was chosen for the showing. This documentary discusses the relationship between a Mexican community and its forest, which hosts Monarch butterflies. Butterfly milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) was given away to attendees. There were 15 attendees to the movie showing on 6/17/18.

The Town hired a new Environmental Planner in August 2018, Laura Janway, who will be helping support the EAB and the Town's participation in Bee City USA.

That's the buzz for 2018!



## POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT

The Environmental Advisory Board continued to help maintain the pollinator garden at the corner of West Main Street and Hillsborough Road. Six participants helped to maintain the garden on multiple occasions throughout the year.

The design improvements for Martin Luther King Jr. Park were completed and include three separate and large pollinator gardens.

Throughout the year, the Carrboro Public Works Department continued to promote and pursue healthy pollinator habitats in its own operations. Public Works staff pursued installation of water wise, native, pollinator producing perennials as primary vegetation throughout Town properties, and also installed two native bee nesting boxes at Town parks.



## POLICIES & PRACTICES

The Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) has recently grown to seven members. The members include a retired air quality policy analyst at the US EPA, a former member of Carrboro Greenspace and Carrboro Community Garden Coalition, an energy and environmental planning analyst, an engineer, and a native plants and stormwater specialist. The EAB promotes pollinator conservation efforts by tabling at the Carrboro Farmers' Market, promoting the yearly pollinator-themed Father's Day Movie to celebrate Pollinator Week, and by helping the Town to implement its Community Climate Action Plan, which promotes native plants, healthy ecosystems, and pollinator conservation.

[Recommended Local Native Species List](#)

[Local Native Plant Suppliers List](#)

[Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan](#)

## CONTACT US!

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