



Bee City USA Annual Report for 2018 Pollinator Conservation & Education



Charter Township of Ypsilanti Michigan

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Our new hive stand!



Insulated beehive made by Township staff



Township's own honey make great gifts for staff at Christmas

The Charter Township of Ypsilanti hosts beehives on Township property. At Christmas, we distributed jars of our own honey to Township employees, enhancing pollinator awareness. We also painted all of the trash barrels in our park system yellow with bees on them to increase pollinator awareness.

Our Supervisor, who is also the chair of our Bee Committee, spoke to a group of Boy Scouts about pollinator awareness and conservation.

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT

In partnership with the 14-B District Court and their Drug Court Recovery Program, we created a vegetable garden (called "Fresh Start") on the grounds of the Township Civic Center. This garden is cared for by participants in the program, as well as volunteers. We also created a flower garden in one of our Township Parks.

We fabricated a metal stand for our hives on township property that provides additional stability so they will not blow over in high winds. They also make the hives easier to access to manage them.

POLICIES & PRACTICES

Our committee is made up of Township staff and residents. We facilitate pollinator conservation efforts in our community through our Facebook page and by educating residents at our Neighborhood Watch meetings.

We are incorporating policies into our development process so that new builders/developers in our community plant pollinator friendly plants and don't use pesticides.

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List—

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1610741129199269/>

Regional Native Plant Supplier List—To be developed

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan—To be developed



Staff started by building prototype of insulated bee house

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