



Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



Clarkson, Kentucky

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Kelley Beekeeping Company selling honey and other items at the Honeyfest.



Grayson County Beekeepers booth selling honey at the Honeyfest.

The Kelley Beekeeping Company (located in Clarkson) as well as several local vendors sold honey and related items at City of Clarkson's 25th Annual Honeyfest last September. They also distributed information about the importance of bees and other pollinators to our environment. The Honeyfest also featured a cooking contest, in which all items had to have honey as one of their ingredients. The Honeyfest was held September 25th-28, 2019. It has been designated the "Official State Honey Festival" of Kentucky. We also successfully lobbied the Governor of Kentucky to issue a proclamation for the fifth consecutive year to declare the month of September as "Honey Month" in Kentucky to help bring awareness to bees and honey. We also signed a proclamation to celebrate Pollinator Week the week of our annual Honeyfest.

The Clarkson Honeyfest Committee reaches out to our local elementary school by sponsoring an annual spelling bee and hat contest (all hats must have a bee theme).



Entry in the 2019 Clarkson Honeyfest Cooking Contest.



Several entries in the 2019 Clarkson Honeyfest Cooking Contest.



Kentucky Honey Month Proclamation 2019.

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT



Wooded areas along the nature trail at Clarkson City Park providing plants, flowers, and trees for pollinators.

We have a wooded area on both sides of our nature trail at Clarkson City Park in which we allow native plants and flowers to grow and old trees and stumps to be used as nesting areas for pollinators. There is also a small area on the other side of our City Park where we allow the grass and flowers to grow in a small flower garden.

In addition to wooded areas along our nature trail, there is also a creek which runs along the length of the trail.

POLICIES & PRACTICES

We do not use pesticides in the wooded areas along our nature trail at our city park. We allow those areas to experience natural growth.

We allow native plants and flowers to grow in the wooded areas along the nature trail at our City Park.

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List —

https://www.louisvillewater.com/sites/louisvillewater.com/files/user_uploads/Water%20Quality/Wellhead%20Protection/Chapter%204%20Native%20Plants.pdf

Regional Native Plant Supplier List —

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Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan — None

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