



Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



Davidson, North Carolina

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

The Town of Davidson's pollinator efforts are enhanced by a collaboration of many groups, including the Town Livability Board and the Davidson Lands Conservancy Outreach Subcommittee. The Davidson Lands Conservancy includes: World of Wonder (WOW) and TreesDavidson. WOW's mission is to provide families opportunities to explore, discover, and enjoy the wonders of the natural world together. Each of these groups have had a significant impact on moving the Bee City USA effort forward.

Throughout 2019, the Town of Davidson and WOW scheduled monthly hikes and outings with opportunities to learn about native plants and local pollinators. There were also many hands-on educational events and volunteer work days, including some of the following:

- Davidson Earth Day Fair, April 20
- Outdoor Adventure Hike at the West Branch Nature Preserve, May 19
- Davidson Gardens Open Day, June 2
- Moth Night, July 19
- Invasive Plant Removal Volunteer Workday at Beaty Park, November 5
- STEAMfest at Woodlawn School, January 27

On July 19, over 30 participants enjoyed celebrating Moth Night at a local park. As the evening grew dark the flashlights came out and so did the amazing moth species. Big and small, many colored varieties were visited by excited children and adults.

Other activities included a weekly WOW Booth at Davidson Farmers' Market, blogs, and e-newsletters. Some of the guests at the Farmer's Market booth included the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, Mecklenburg County: Water and Soil, the Audubon Society and Carolina Waterfowl.

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT

A significant pollinator enhancement event included second graders from a local school who joined Davidson Land Conservancy at a large local park on October 2019 to help protect monarch butterflies. The science lab teacher led a field trip for students who surveyed the amount and density of the milkweed plants and collected data. The students also learned about the importance of preserving

pollinator habitats and the plight of the monarch butterflies. By preserving the milkweed in our parks, we ensure that the monarchs have a safe habitat during their journeys.

Another project related to conservation and education was a large-scale Invasive Plant Removal volunteer workday at Beaty Park. On Saturday, November 5th, over 65 volunteers descended on the park with a goal to clear brush that remained onsite, from a cut and paint treatment targeted toward invasive plant species that plagued the 19-acre revitalized park. This effort improved habitat for native plant species for pollinators and other wildlife.

POLICIES & PRACTICES

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List — not available

Regional Native Plant Supplier List — not available

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan — not available

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Committee — not available

Website — not available

Social Media — not available