



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



EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Earth Evening Pollinator Table

March 8: Hillsborough Garden Club (Bee City committee) conducted a workshop entitled “Supporting Pollinators through Bee City USA” at the Orange County Cooperative Extension. Members of Hillsborough Tree Board and Hillsborough Garden Club attended along with local citizens. Workshop organizers gave a presentation to the group and then all participants built native bee houses.

April 25: Hillsborough Tree Board members (Bee City committee) participated in the Orange County Earth Evening Event to celebrate Earth Day. Our table included a game that asked participants (mostly children) to identify the common grounds maintenance practices that harm bees and pollinators. We also passed out information for parents about native plants and where to buy them as well as bee city resource sheets. The table was well attended with at least 10 families participating in the game. A small bee stuffed animal was given as a prize.

June 16: Hillsborough Tree Board members (Bee City committee) celebrated National Pollinator Week by hosting a “Meet the Garden” event at the Cates Creek Park pollinator garden. Tree Board members introduced attendees to the garden which is a rain garden planted to replace a stormwater ditch. Members talked about the garden design and various species of native, trees, shrubs, and planted new native plants in the Gold Park Pollinator Garden. There were seven (7) volunteer clean up days in total.

Hillsborough Garden Club and Hillsborough Tree Board (Bee City committee) members wrote educational articles about pollinators and published them each month as a newsletter.

The Town of Hillsborough issued regular newsletters, press releases and social media posts advertising Bee City events and initiatives by the Hillsborough Tree Board, Hillsborough Garden Club and Master Gardeners of Orange County.

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT



*Cates Creek Park
Pollinator Garden*



Downtown pollinator garden

Hillsborough planted a stormwater dry pond with pollinator plants along the Riverwalk greenway. This is the first shade pollinator garden for Hillsborough. A contractor was hired to do this work.

Hillsborough also planted a pollinator garden and a Monarch Way Station in Turnip Patch Park this year. The garden soil was prepared by a contractor but volunteers worked to plant pollinator-friendly natives and to transplant native plants from a local garden shop that was closing down that donated plants from a pollinator meadow. The garden is 1,450 square feet.



Turnip Patch Planting



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POLICIES & PRACTICES



Sourwood Tree Planting

Hillsborough Tree Board (7 members) works directly with Hillsborough Garden Club (70 members) on Bee City initiatives. Garden Club has a Bee City Subcommittee that attends regular Tree Board meetings. The partnership makes it much easier to reach a broader population through multiple events and publications.

The IPM Plan is contained within Town's ground maintenance contract and is not published to a website. All park master plans include recommendations to plant native and reduce turf and look for opportunities to educate public through interpretive signage and create natural areas like bird parks and pollinator gardens.

[Recommended Local Native Species List](#)
[Local Native Plant Suppliers List](#)

CONTACT US!



*(Above) Riverwalk Dry Pond
Pollinator Garden*

(Right) Gold Park Pollinator Garden

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