



Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



Ridgewood, New Jersey

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Ella and Frank Mortimer, Chair Ridgewood National Pollinator's week.



Ridgewood's Midsummer Celebration for Pollinators



The biggest and coolest event we held was a Midsummer Celebration on June 21 during National Pollinators Week. We used a Swedish midsummer theme for the event, which was held in our Children's Sensory and Butterfly Garden. We built a midsummer pole using lots of flowers and native plants. We also had the children make flower crowns for themselves. Since it was in the garden, we were also able to educate kids on butterflies and other pollinators. It was awesome! We also made the local newspaper that did a story with photos on National Pollinators Week.



We also had children's story time at the library where all the stories had to do with pollinators as did the craft.

There were also talks in the local schools and an event for adults that featured local pollinated foods.

I have also consulted with other towns in Northern NJ about establishing more Bee Cities. I am regularly asked how to do it, what is it, etc. and act as an ambassador for the program.

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT

We continue to enhance our children's sensory garden. Additionally, we have a natural garden on town property as well as several town parks. Groups also remove Japanese knotweed whenever possible.

POLICIES & PRACTICES

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List — <http://www.njbeekeepers.org/PollenPlants.htm>

Regional Native Plant Supplier List — <https://rohslers.com/>

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan — <http://www.ridgewoodnj.net/>

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