



Bee Campus USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



Washington College Chestertown, Maryland

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Finished Pollinator Hotels.

Pollinator Hotel Workshop at the Sustainability Fair - April 3, 2019



Student drilling holes into pollinator hotel.

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT

In addition to the Center for environment & society's work with the Natural Lands Project, Washington College held weekly workdays in the campus garden that emphasized creating habitat for pollinators

Staff at the college's Center for Environment & Society run a community based project called the Natural Lands Project (NLP). NLP works with public and private landowners on the upper Eastern

Shore of Maryland to install meadow habitat and wetlands to help improve water quality while creating habitat for declining wildlife species. The meadows are planted in areas of marginal agricultural land with a mix of three native warm season grasses and 8-10 species of native wildflowers. There were 10 meadow projects that totaled 262 acres and three wetland projects of 15 acres.

SERVICE LEARNING

Installation of 4 hives and weekly workdays in the campus garden emphasizing creation of pollinator habitat. Campus garden students also installed a kiosk and sign at campus garden articulating the mission of "achieving food security through ecological design."

CURRICULUM & CONTINUING EDUCATION

Beekeeping 101

EDUCATIONAL & INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

Mission of the campus garden sign; new signage was installed at our new waterfront campus building on January 2, 2020 and will be on the next year's report.

POLICIES & PRACTICES

We authored a new Tree Campus USA Plan that explains best practices to preserve habitat for pollinators, such as leaving winter leaves to decompose naturally under trees whenever possible.

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List —

https://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/_images/programs/hgic/Publications/HG120_Native_Plants%20of_MD.pdf

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

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan —

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