



Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



National Pollinator Week Event on the National Mall, providing information to residents with DPR.



Pollinator plant seeds

Pollinator Week

Tabled at the USDA National Pollinator Week event on the National Mall

- Gave out pollinator plant seeds
 - Discussed the P3
 - Gave information about native pollinators and plant selection for residential properties
- Partner DC Parks and Recreation - Approx. 500 attendees

Hosted a information table in NoMa during lunchtime

- Gave out pollinator plant seeds
- Shared information on the P3

Partner Georgetown University - Approx. 200 attendees



This park was created by the Landscape Architecture Bureau. The pinwheels represent the colors that insects can see and the height of the pinwheels shows the decline in insect biomass over the last 10 years. It shows that we are losing our insect pollinators at an alarming rate. All native plants were used to replicate a meadow and show habitat and forage for pollinators.

Hosted a talk and children's activity at the DC Public Library (DCPL) in Mount Pleasant

- Made seed bombs with children and adults
- Presented an introduction to honey bees and urban beekeeping
- Spoke about the District Pollinator Protection Plan (P3)

Partners DC Beekeepers Alliance (DCBA) and DCPL - Approx. 20 attendees

Spoke at the DCBA June Meeting

- Gave out pollinator plant seeds
- Spoke to beekeepers about P3
- Approx. 50 attendees

Tabled at Ward 8 Community Day

- Gave out pollinator plant seeds
- Gave information about the P3 and the appropriate use of pesticides
- Partner DOEE Pesticide Branch

Other Events

Parking Day

- Co-hosted a parklet made in parking spots in the Navy yard neighborhood
- Gave out seed packets with information about pollinators and their worldwide decline
- Spoke to pedestrians about the importance of pollinators and native plants

Partners: Landscape Architecture Bureau and National Arboretum Approx: 200 attendees

Took part in a documentary filmed by an American University student. Spoke about urban beekeeping.

Gave a talk at DCPL - Mount Pleasant about urban beekeeping, the P3, and native pollinators of the

District. Approx. 10 attendees

Gave an interview with the Northwest Courier about urban beekeeping. Approx. 1000 subscribers

Took part in the native and invasive bee and wasp survey. Collected specimens from throughout the District for a project with Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and USDA. This will give us a clearer idea of what native and invasive bees and wasps are found in the District. Partners: PA Department of Agriculture and USDA- APHIS

Tabled at Easter Monday Events at the National Zoo.

- Gave out pollinator plant seeds, the P3, and information about native pollinators found in the District
- Partners: DOEE Pesticides and Smithsonian - Approx. 15,000 attendees

Earth Day Pollinator Plant Seed Giveaway

- Gave out over 1,000 seed packets at Metro Stations throughout the District - Approx. 1,000 attendees

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT



These are photos from our new meadow created in the right-of- way along a highway in the District.



POLICIES & PRACTICES

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List — <https://doee.dc.gov/node/1128481>

Regional Native Plant Supplier List — <https://doee.dc.gov/node/1128482>

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan —
https://doee.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddoe/service_content/attachments/Pollinator%20v2.8.pdf

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