



# Bee City USA Annual Report for 2018 Pollinator Conservation & Education YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN



## EDUCATION & OUTREACH



*Photos: Leisa Thompson*

In 2018, we celebrated Festival of the Honeybee. Festival of the Honey Bee is a festival in partnership with First Fridays Ypsilanti, which runs and organizes the event. Businesses throughout the city celebrate pollinators in unique ways during the festival by way of education, food, and art. The festival also includes a street closure where attendees enjoy live music, Drag Queen Bees, Mead tap takeovers, kids activities, and more. Vendors line the street with educational booths, honey, plants, and pollinator related artwork. First Fridays Ypsilanti counted over 2,500 at the event.

Please scroll through <https://www.facebook.com/FestivaloftheHoneyBee/> to see all the things we were up to last September.

## POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT

Volunteers local to Ypsilanti's pollinator gardens continued to tend them, and the gardens flourished for the pollinators. Conversations are in place to create more pollinator gardens in Downtown Development Authority flowerbeds in 2019.

*Growing Hope Pollinator Patch, June 28.  
Photo: Jamie Berlin*



## POLICIES & PRACTICES

We have a committee chair and a leadership group with coordinators for each area: celebration, education, and planting. The city does not have an Integrated Pest Management plan yet, but the Downtown Development Authority restricts their landscapers from using pesticides on flower and beds.

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

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