

Bee City USA - Allentown Borough

Report on 2021

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

We were very lucky to have been one of affiliates that received the Xerces pollinator garden grant and we installed 2,000 plugs of a variety of native plants. This pollinator garden is immediately adjacent to a meadow that was installed 2 years ago. We had several volunteers, including students from the high school, young families with children, many residents that are invested in protecting pollinators and even some individuals from surrounding areas that come to the park (where the garden was installed) for recreation, saw what we were doing, and joined in!



Volunteers on day one of the pollinator garden installation



High school student volunteers signing in at day 2 of the installation



Staging and set up early morning, Day 1

Education & Outreach

During the annual 2-day Allentown Fall Festival, the Environmental Commission hosted a tent featuring Bee City. Educational talks were given, flyers handed out in reusable bags, milkweed seeds were given away. This is a huge event and several hundred people attend from other towns, cities, and counties. We also informed guests of the pollinator habitat installed and encouraged walking tours of the garden. Unfortunately, we had rain the second day of the event, decreasing our numbers (typically, over a thousand people come by)

Policies & Practices

Coordinated with the Department of Public works and Buildings and Grounds Department to reduce the use of neonics and pesticides in public parks/grounds (except when deemed necessary for invasives and problematic areas). Also using some organic compounds as well.



Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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