

Bee City USA - Appleton WI

Report on 2021

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

We continue to work with the Bee Campus affiliate and their good word to expand the Pollinator Education Center on campus and are working to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Appleton to develop and implement an adopt-a-pollinator-patch program for a forthcoming 6 mile nature trail through the City.

Education & Outreach

World Bee Day: Pollenablers hosted an event at a local brewery which is home to several honey bee hives managed by Israel del Toro. Highlights included pollinators themed artwork and demonstrations by Encaustic artist Jesse Frisch, community honey bee hive box painting and the release of "Dames & Dandies", a pilsner infused with Dame's Rocket and Dandelion flower essence. National Pollinator Week: Because of Covid, plans to conduct in person events for National Pollinator Week 2021 were shelved. However, we did pivot and host a number of on-line educational opportunities throughout the week, but those too were not very well attended. NoMowMay: Our biggest success was the expansion of the NoMow May initiative which saw participation from 9 additional communities in the Fox Valley and in the state of Wisconsin. We expect that number to double in 2022. We will be introducing a Resolution to Appleton council this year to permanently change our Municipal Code to allow citizens to participate in whatever manner they chose by pushing the weed ordinance enforcement start date to June 1 and implementing other language changes to the Code to allow for and promote more pollinator friendly approaches to flower bed plantings and lawn care. We hosted 2 Compassion Tree Council events in Appleton, the first on Arbor Day, establishing the Council of Compassion Trees and the second (as co-host) in October, welcoming the addition of the a White Pine to the established Council Tree in October. The second event was very well intended and included the Mayor, Lieutenant Governor and Governor of Wisconsin.





OUR COMPASSION TREE COUNCIL

This Council of trees, indigenous to our region, stands here as a symbol of our responsibility to create a sustainable, just and fulfilling planet.

These trees symbolize our commitment as a community to provide for the thriving of all of Earth's inhabitants, demonstrating our compassion toward others as we recognize our interconnectedness with all that exists within the natural world.

These trees embody our support for those in devastated lands and for the regenerative practices of planting compassion, peacemaking, economic freedom and biodiversity, thereby restoring our planet's ecological balance.

These trees embrace ALL who call Earth "home".

ARBOR DAY 2021
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY 2021



<p>SWAMP WHITE OAK Quercus bicolor</p> <p>Native to the eastern United States, this tree is a symbol of resilience and growth. It is a keystone species, providing food and shelter for many animals. Its acorns are a favorite food of many birds and mammals.</p> 	<p>RIVER BIRCH Betula nigra</p> <p>This tree is a symbol of adaptability and survival. It is a keystone species, providing food and shelter for many animals. Its bark is a favorite food of many insects.</p> 	<p>SILVER MAPLE Acer saccharinum</p> <p>This tree is a symbol of grace and elegance. It is a keystone species, providing food and shelter for many animals. Its leaves are a favorite food of many insects.</p> 	<p>WEeping WILLOW Salix babingtonii</p> <p>This tree is a symbol of strength and endurance. It is a keystone species, providing food and shelter for many animals. Its bark is a favorite food of many insects.</p> 	<p>SHAGBARK HICKORY Carya ovata</p> <p>This tree is a symbol of hardiness and resilience. It is a keystone species, providing food and shelter for many animals. Its acorns are a favorite food of many birds and mammals.</p> 	<p>WHITE PINE Pinus strobus</p> <p>This tree is a symbol of purity and grace. It is a keystone species, providing food and shelter for many animals. Its needles are a favorite food of many insects.</p> 
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Compassion Tree Council sign at Peace Park



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Appleton, WI, For Immediate Release - This Arbor Day, the Fox Valley chapter of the [Charter for Compassion](#) and a number of local non-profits will be dedicating the first of many Compassion Tree Councils that will appear around the Fox Cities. This first dedication of 4 trees adjacent to the Ellen Kort Peace Park will occur at 1pm on Arbor Day, April 30th. The event is not open to public participation but will be streamed via Facebook Live. Media is invited to attend.

Each tree in the Council represents a local organization's advocacy to the founding principle of Compassion, the Golden Rule. The first set of participating organizations include the [Pollenablers-Fox Cities](#) group, the [The Sacred Earth Institute](#), [Butterfly Gardens of Wisconsin](#) and the [Paper Discovery Center](#). Appleton was named a Compassion City in 2011 when it launched the [Appleton Compassion Project](#) starting the conversation that our community continues to have around tolerance, understanding and empathy for our fellow human beings and all creatures. The Compassion Tree project and future installations in the Ellen Kort Peace Park represent the next step community leads, color creed or species, feel safe and appreciated.



To promote the Compassion Tree Project, one of the partnering organizations, [Pollenablers - Fox Cities](#), has begun to distribute its allocation of 400 trees, (Bur Oak, Swamp White Oak, Red Oak and Shagbark Hickory) from , which can be picked up by any Appleton resident at specific times from the Pollenablers station in the outdoor Biergarten of [McFleshmans Brewing Company](#), 3-6pm on April 28, 29th & 30.

Pollenablers is asking all those who pick up a tree to register them as a [Compassion Tree](#) so they can be added to the map and a growing list of the Compassion Trees in our community. Pollenablers has also reached out to the AASD's 4th grade teachers who participate in the DNR's annual Arbor Day Foundation program and this year requested 2000 seedling for their students, encouraging them to sign up as well.



The [Compassion Tree Project](#) aims to plant a tree to represent each person in the world. "The goal... is to help return the Earth to her vibrancy by re-greening the world locally, regionally, nationally - and far beyond our borders wherever we live... each tree representing the commitment and responsibility of ensuring a healthy planet for future generations."

Compassion Tree Registration

Register your commitment of compassion by planting your tree and planting location and then add it to our first Compassion Tree Map.


* Required

Full Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Your email: _____

Compassion Tree Program supported by the following partners:



Arbor Day press release

Policies & Practices

This year, encouraged by the NoMowMay initiative, the City moved more public park spaces into lower-frequency mowing programs and converted more clippings into mulched overlay.

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List: [Appleton-WI-Local-Plant- List.pdf](#)

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [Appleton-WI-Local-Plant Suppliers.pdf](#)



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