

Bee City USA - Clarkson

Report on 2021

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

We supported the the pollinator garden that has been planted and maintained by the Kelley Beekeeping Company in front of their beekeeping supply store in town and presented them with the Pollinator Habitat sign we received last year from Bee City USA. We have a wooded area at our City Park near our nature trail that we allow the vegetation to grow naturally. It has trees, stumps, grass, and native flowers growing in it.



Pollinator Garden in front of Kelley Beekeeping in Clarkson.



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Education & Outreach

We celebrated Pollinator Week during the last week of September during our annual Clarkson Honeyfest. The Honeyfest celebrates the City of Clarkson's ties to the beekeeping industry. We are home to the Kelley Beekeeping Company, one of the largest manufacturers of bee-keeping supplies in the country. Also, our annual Honeyfest has been declared Kentucky's "Official State Honey Festival" by the Kentucky General Assembly. We also asked the Governor to once again issue a proclamation celebrating bees and pollinators by declaring the month of September as "Honey Month" in Kentucky. And the Clarkson City Commission issued a proclamation declaring August 21, 2021 as "Honey Bee Awareness Day" in the City. At the City's annual Honeyfest last year, there were several local vendors on hand selling honey and other pollinator related food items. Due to COVID and rain, several activities at our annual Honeyfest were down in attendance for the event.





City of Clarkson float in the 2021 Honeyfest parade.



Our "Honeyfest Wall" at the Clarkson City Hall & Community Center highlighting the annual Clarkson Honeyfest.



Poster contest at Clarkson Elementary School sponsored by the Clarkson Honeyfest Committee to promote the Honeyfest and the importance of bees and other pollinators.

Policies & Practices

We don't use pesticides in those pollinator-friendly areas and we allow the grass and flowers to grow naturally.

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

https://www.kyagr.com/statevet/documents/OSV_Bee_KY-Pollinator-Pro-Plan.pdf

Recommended Native Plant List:

<http://www.plantnative.org/rpl-kytn.htm>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

<https://www.knps.org/native-plant-nurseries/>





New official City of Clarkson logo adopted by the Clarkson City Commission. The new logo highlights Clarkson's ties to bees.

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The Clarkson City Commission.

