

Bee City USA - Hillsborough

Report on 2021



Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

The town of Hillsborough created three new gardens and several habitats for birds, bees, and other pollinators. Additionally, we continue to maintain our previously established gardens. We also held our annual garden workday and have a massive ongoing invasive species removal project.



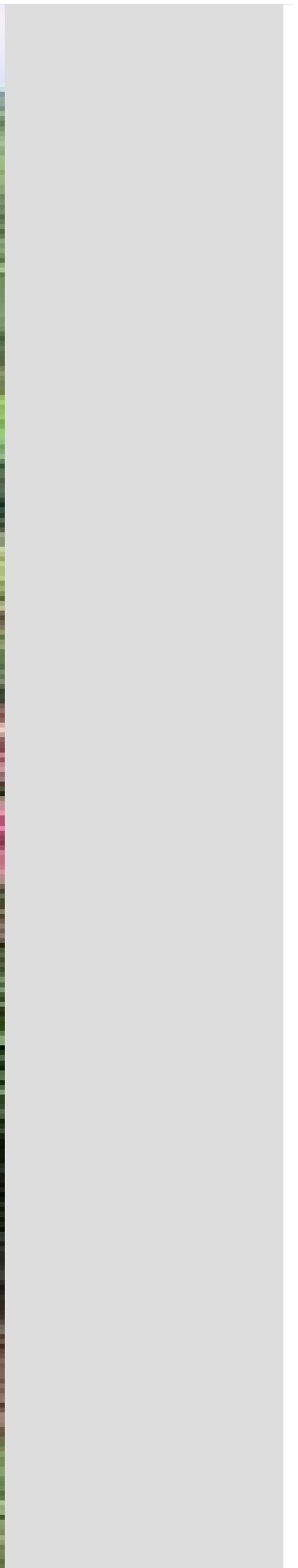


New pollinator friendly garden planted around a water fountain.

Education & Outreach

In addition to multiple articles, press releases, invasive removal and garden workdays, a two big town wide events were held during pollinator week. The big event during pollinator week was a socially distanced "bee hunt" where groups and families explored several pollinator friendly areas around town and learned about pollinators and their importance. 500 seed packets for pollinator friendly plants were distributed among citizens.





Policies & Practices

The Town does not have an IPM, but we do have a section regarding pest management in our contract for Grounds Maintenance. It reads "No pesticides or herbicides will be used in landscaped or lawn areas without prior written approval from the Project Contact for the Client. All chemicals shall be used in strict accordance with federal, state, county, and local laws and regulations. Any use of chemicals shall be reported to the Client and applied by trained and licensed pest control operators. A North Carolina Class L Pesticide License is required for all pesticide applications. It is the intent of the Client to maintain a healthy, sustainable landscape that will minimize the need for and use of chemical controls." Pesticide use on town property is limited to fire ants, and stinging insects only when they are nested within a children's play area.

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List: [Native Plants.pdf](#)

<https://www.hillsboroughnc.gov/government/appointed-boards/tree-board/bee-city-usa/>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [native-plant-and-seed-suppliers.pdf](#)

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