

Bee City USA - Pittman Center

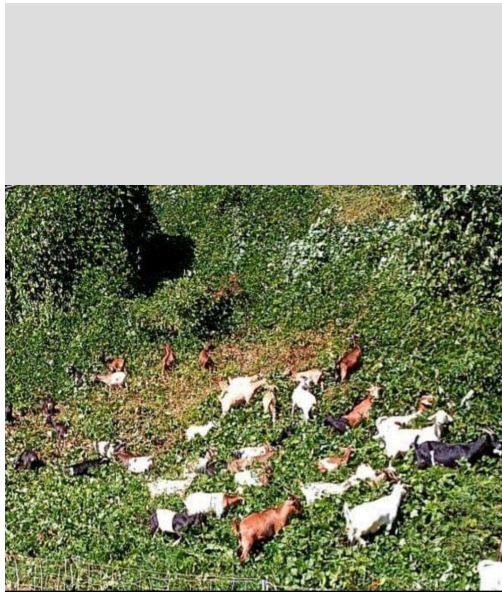
Report on 2021

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

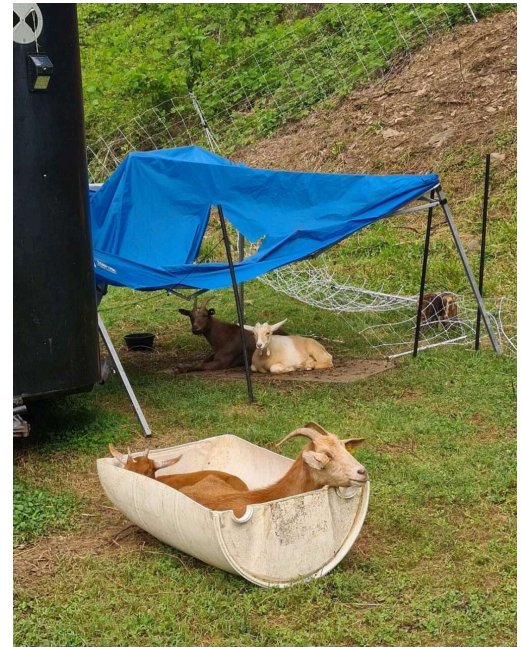
(1) For no mow May, the Spring Branch Walking Trail was not mowed or trimmed. (2) There were a few goat chews used in Pittman in order to remove kudzu, give place to non invasive plants without using chemicals that harm the environment, and give bees more area to nest. (3) Flowers were planted at the entrances to Pittman Center at their signs and at City Hall.



flowers growing at Spring Branch Walking Trail



Goats and their kids removing kudzu.



Pittman Center Town Firewise Committee

JUN 15, 2021

Goats in their feeding trough and resting from a hard day's work.

Education & Outreach

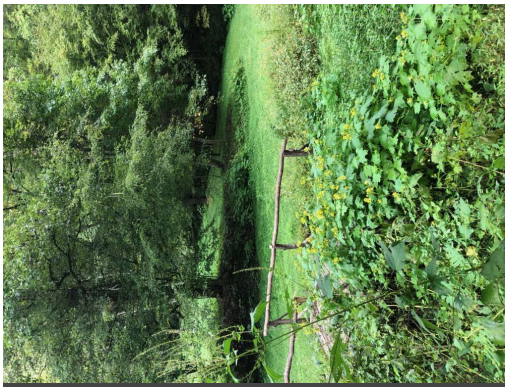
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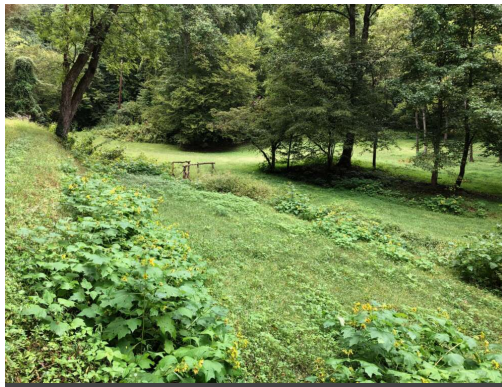
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Spring Branch Walking Trail 1



Spring Branch Walking Trail 2



Sign at Spring Walking Branch 3

Policies & Practices

The goat chews reduced the chemicals used in invasive plant reduction. The article in the Mountain Press and the Town's newsletter produced awareness and gave information. The Flowers planted through the Town gave more sources for our bees to use.

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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