



Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



Beaumont, Texas

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Community Movie night

Bee City - Beaumont hosted a community screening with The Magnolia Garden club at the historic Jefferson Theater on February 20, 2019, of "Hometown Habitat...Stories of Bringing Nature Home." We invited conservation groups to display their information in the lobby reception before the movie including the Southeast Texas Beekeeping Association who brought an observation hive for all to view. We had a Q and A after the movie with experts and those interested in learning about the next steps to help the pollinators. It was well attended with school children and citizens of all ages.

Bee City Beaumont also participated in two community parades - The Neches River Festival Parade and The Lamar University Homecoming parade inviting children, the committee and Beekeepers to

participate. We handed out honey candy, native plant seeds, pollinator coloring books and education cards to the crowds.

We also attended Farmer's Markets to give out pollinator information and spoke to schools and civic groups.



The Neches River Festival Parade and the Lamar University Homecoming Parade

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT





Our city has a new landscape superintendent that plants earth kind flowers and pollinator loving plants in high visibility areas of our city.

The City of Beaumont has a new Landscape Superintendent responsible for 56 high profile landscaped areas around the city where he and staff are enhancing with earth kind and pollinator friendly plants. Volunteers have been actively planning the community awareness events and promoting the good work of the city with our free community screening, community parades, and speaking to various groups.

We are working on a future project involving a pollinator garden with other groups in one of our city parks

POLICIES & PRACTICES

With a total of over 20 acres of lawn and 57 landscape sites that the landscape crew maintains, pesticide usage was decreased by 100 or 75 %. In cases where pesticides are used, our landscape superintendent selects pesticides that have the least effect on pollinators.

When it comes to spraying flowering plants we try to spray when bees are less active. Drift off is also noted at the time of applying pesticides ...in the hope of not affecting any other area. We also use pesticides with short residuals.

Our city staff is working on the planting mentioned previously - volunteers are helping with awareness events such as our movie night and parades.

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List — www.Agrilifeextension.tama.edu

Regional Native Plant Supplier List — www.Agrilifeextension.tama.edu

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan — Earth kind

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Pollinating our city with good information about pollinators at the Lamar University and The Neches River Festival Parades

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