



Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



Greenwood, South Carolina

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Scavenger Hunt at Farmers market

We held a Scavenger hunt for kids to learn what pollinators pollinate what food that was available at the farmers market to celebrate National Pollinator Week. About 60 children played. Our committee worked with the Lakelands Master Gardeners and the Chamber of Commerce Festival of Flowers to present a home pollinator garden on their Garden Tour Event. Over 200 people attended and learned about pollinator conservation. We worked closely with the Lakelands Master Gardeners to supply them with pollinator plants including plants for the larva stage of butterflies and moths to be sold at the Annual Plant Sale Event. Over 200 attended.

We acquired a grant to begin our outreach to the community and schools on mosquito prevention and pollinator education in hopes of reducing the need for mosquito pesticides. We have hosted many booths at events such as the Lake Greenwood Clean up (50 attendees), Buzz in Business event, (200 attendees), iSteam Festival (200 attendees). Toured Pollinator Gardens in Greenwood during the Festival of Flowers and National Pollinator Week Event (20 attended).

We worked with Making it Grow and Amanda McNulty and her film crew to film our Bee City USA and Monarch Way Stations in Uptown Greenwood. It will air this year.

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT



Volunteers in our Uptown pollinator plantings

We enhanced our Bio Retention pond pollinator Garden (10/2019), our Edible landscape pollinator garden (10/2019), City Hall pocket garden (5/2019), we added a water feature for the pollinators at our largest pollinator gardens (6/2019) with financial support from the community and installed by volunteers. All of our plants that we install in Uptown Greenwood have an emphasis on pollinators. All of this was done with volunteers.

POLICIES & PRACTICES

We use soap, neem and rubbing alcohol when needed. Release beneficial insects in greenhouses, weekly pest scouting, increased tolerance for some pests letting the pressure build to attract beneficials, plant plants that provide and attract beneficials, torching weeds vs roundup, mulching

We continue to use the least toxic pesticides or discontinue use of in all of our pollinator gardens. We are now taking a look at what pesticides and herbicides and fungicide we are currently using to look for alternatives. We have a list of sample city IPM policies that we will use to make our own.



volunteers examining pests on yellow sticky card.

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List — <http://www.cityofgreenwoodsc.com/home/showdocument?id=3383>

Regional Native Plant Supplier List — <https://scnps.org/>

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan — in progress

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