



# Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



## Hillsborough, North Carolina

### EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Town Mayor Tom Stevens joins the Master Gardeners Club as they host a educational outreach event in Gold Park.



Local vintage jewelry store promotes Pollinator Week with artful display of pollinator insects and other creatures.

The Town of Hillsborough celebrated national pollinator week with a variety of events and overwhelming support from the community. The Bee City subcommittee hosted several lectures and workshops at the Orange County Public Library. The Master Gardeners hosted a program about the importance of pollinators and a local resident and Garden Club member opened her private pollinator garden for a public tour. Downtown merchants also participated with special promotions and pollinator-themed storefront displays. Margaret Lane Art gallery held a special pollinator-related exhibit. The Orange County Historical Museum encouraged creating pollinator gardens at home by distributing packets of native flowering plant seeds.

Many local vendors participated in Pollinator Week by having specials and promotions.

# POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT



Cates Creek Park receives 10,000 square feet of compost blankets filled with native plant seeds.

Over fifty volunteers were very active throughout the year with eleven workdays in the town's pollinator gardens. The workdays included garden maintenance such as weeding, mulching, planting and pruning. The Town applied compost blankets on the slopes of a local park to control soil erosion and create a no-mow meadow. The no mow slopes comprise 10,00 square feet and were seeded with a native flower and grass mix.

The Town of Hillsborough created a Natural Landscape section in the Ordinance to allow and promote no mow meadows that create habitat for pollinators.

## POLICIES & PRACTICES

The Town of Hillsborough has reduced its use of all grounds maintenance herbicides and pesticides. Pesticide use on town property is limited to fire ants, and stinging insects only when they are nested within a playground area.

### **Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List —**

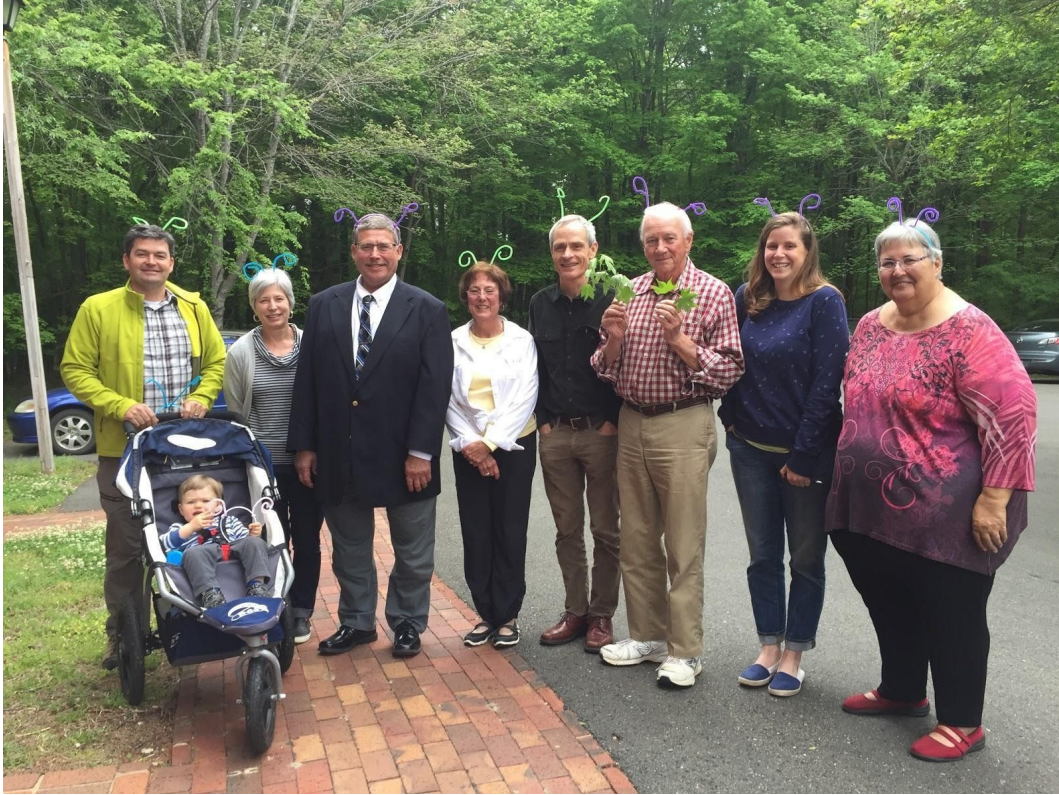
<https://assets.hillsboroughnc.gov/media/documents/public/recommended-and-prohibited-plants-list.pdf>

### **Regional Native Plant Supplier List — N/A**

### **Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan — N/A**



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Tree Board members pose with the bee antenna's to celebrate Pollinator Week.

**Committee —** Tree Board

**Website —** <https://www.hillsboroughnc.gov/government/advisory-boards/tree-board/bee-city-usa/>

**Social Media —** N/A