



Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



Matthews, North Carolina

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



In 2019, we participated in 6 events. Bee City Members used these opportunities to educate and talk with residents about Bee City USA and the importance of pollinators.

- April 27 and Oct 13 - Earth Day/Kids in Nature Day at Squirrel Lake Park. We distributed educational materials on supporting our pollinators and demonstrated how our observation hive works.
- May 28 - National Pollinator Week. Presentation by Mayor Paul Bailey (see photo). Display at the Matthews Library. Daily posts on the Bee City USA - Town of Matthews facebook page.
- June 15 and Sept 21 - Matthews Farmers Market - Educational booth with observation hive. Activity for children to make 'wings' like a butterfly.

- Dec 3 – Discussed with Girl Scout Troop #1840 the honey bee situation and importance of pollinators. As an outcome the troop decided to paint and distribute bee hotels in the community to earn their Bronze Award.



Bee City USA at Farmers Market on Sept 21

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT



Bee City USA ToM does ad hoc work days to maintain and expand the pollinator garden at Country Place. The Town of Matthews/Tree Advisory Board provides advice and recommendations for plantings with a strong focus on native species. HAWK (Matthews NC Wildlife chapter) practices regular invasive specific clean up days. Town of Matthews Parks practices letting dead or down trees to remain as habitats/snags.

POLICIES & PRACTICES

As stated above, minimal use of any 'cides' with a keen focus on native species as the preferred new plantings particularly those that benefit pollinators.

Multiple groups come together to support minimal use of pesticides (town and county) as well as a citizen involvement via the Town advisory boards, our local wildlife chapter (HAWK), and the Bee City USA committee.

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List —

<https://growingsmallfarms.ces.ncsu.edu/growingsmallfarms-pollinatorgarden>

Regional Native Plant Supplier List — <https://www.facebook.com/CarolinaHeritageNativePlants>

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan — n/a

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