



Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



Vandalia, Ohio

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Picture of Bee City Committee member Joe Dranschak, with pollinator information and selling flower seeds, at the first ever vendor participation event for the annual City Christmas Tree Lighting activity.

Vandalia Bee City USA Committee members Joe Dranschak and/or Al Tuttle attended the Wright Patterson Air Force base annual Bee City Pollinator Expo June 19th. Al hosted a Bee City education program at the Garber Nature Center in Lewisburg, Ohio in August. Joe and Al hosted an information table, selling pollinator seeds and Al's homemade honey on several June, July and August Friday nights for the Anthony Trissell Memorial Foundation Summerfest 2019 at Seger Park in Vandalia. Joe

hosted a pollinator information table at the first holiday vendor participation event during the City Christmas Tree Lighting December 8th at the Vandalia Recreation Center.

1. We produced and disseminated a video: June 10, 2019 - Focus Vandalia - Bee City, USA: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OdYsPaM40F0>
2. We had the opportunity to meet and talk with many young and old guests at the Seger Park Summerfest 2019 weekly events about pollinator activities and sell seeds and homemade honey.

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT



A picture of the Tom Hertlein home property with a sign in honor of his grandchildren Annie & Bree.



A picture of the Tom Hertlein farm property showing sunflower gardens and barn with National Road in the background.

A local farmer and supporter of the Bee City USA program, Tom Hertlein, planted large sunflower gardens on several areas of his farmland and home property.

POLICIES & PRACTICES

We are very environmentally conscious. We identify the pest, make the diagnosis, and target the pest with the least toxic / most pest specific product and only when that pest has reached a threshold where permanent plant damage is occurring. Weed control to selected turf areas is minimized, with most areas not receiving any control and areas where control is applied only when needed, sometimes applications are three to four years apart. We are able to achieve this due to mowing at a three inch height- denser turf stand which helps to prevent weed growth. We are planting with pollinators in mind and selecting plant material which require minimal or no pest control. All grounds under facility maintenance control are included in our Integrated Pest Management plan – approximately 275 acres

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List —
<https://u.osu.edu/beelab/native-plants-for-native-pollinators/>

Regional Native Plant Supplier List — <https://u.osu.edu/beelab/native-plants-for-native-pollinators/>

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan —

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A picture at the City Council Meeting where Mayor Arlene Setzer presents the Bee City USA City of Vandalia proclamation to the Committee and other Historical Society of Vandalia Butler members. Right to left is Mayor Arlene Setzer holding the proclamation then Committee Alternate-Chair, Joe Dranschak and his wife Jennie, then Committee Member Mary Geiger, Committee Chair Al Tuttle and Society Trustee Bud Brown with his Canine Companion dog. Committee City Liaison Rudy Wells is not present.

Committee — Bee City USA Vandalia Committee

Website — https://vandaliaohio.org/wpfb_file_category/city-managers-office-bee_city/

Social Media —

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