



# Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



## Whiteville, North Carolina

### EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Bee City Committee member and Agricultural Extension liaison Michael Shuman leads a session on pollination at "Southern Farm Days" in March



Bee City Committee member Luke Elkins leads a pollination discussion with school students

There are pollinator plot gardens on the campus of Columbus Regional HealthCare System, where both staff and patients participate. Our latest addition to the area is picnic tables and benches. Over the course of the year scores of staff and patients participate and/or use it.

The Bee City Committee and Beekeepers Association co-host the N.C. Honey Festival on the first Saturday of September, with over 1,000 people attending. Our monthly meeting attracts 30-40 people. A beginning beekeepers class was held in February.



Bee City Committee and Beekeepers Association have a prominent booth at the County Fair

## POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT



Hospital pollinator plot



The primary site continues to be on the campus of Columbus Regional HealthCare System.

An improved watering system, schedule and signage were completed, along with adding picnic tables and benches for staff and patients.

Picnic tables and benches were added after these photos were taken.



## POLICIES & PRACTICES

The Bee City Committee and Beekeepers Association is collaborating with the Columbus County Agricultural Extension Office to develop a comprehensive plan. It will be addressed in the 2020 annual review.

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

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-tohelp/places-we-protect/green-swamp-preserve/>

**Regional Native Plant Supplier List —** Under development

**Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan —** Under development

## CONTACT US!

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