



Bee City USA Annual Certification Renewal (Due February 28, 2020)

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Thank you for your ongoing commitment to conserving pollinators and enhancing our planet's resilience!

Questions? Contact apply.beecity@xerces.org.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Your first name

Your answer

Your last name

Your answer

Your mailing address city or county name *

Your answer

Affiliate name as it appears on the Bee City USA website

<https://www.beecityusa.org/current-bee-cities.html>

Your answer

Your affiliate state *

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Annual Report for 2019 Accomplishments

The information you supply in this report enables us to track our progress in pollinator conservation, to communicate that progress to the network of affiliates and the public, and to apply for financial support. We deeply appreciate the effort it takes on your part to complete this report, and encourage you to provide your best estimates.

All long response questions will be published on the Bee City USA website, so you should think of these questions as your own centerfold in a magazine. By completing this report you create a record of your community's accomplishments for the past year and you also share that inspirational news with your fellow Bee City USA affiliates across the country and the general public. We hope you will enjoy reading these reports for years to come as much as we do!

Because the mission of Bee City USA is mobilizing communities for pollinator conservation, the report should be a snapshot of the community's previous year's successes, not a summary of what the local Bee City USA committee accomplished alone. The committee's most important role is acknowledging how the community--young and old, public and private entities, individuals, organizations, institutions, businesses, schools, churches--is sustaining pollinators

NOTE: All photographs or videos submitted to The Xerces Society in conjunction with filing the annual report or otherwise may be used for promotional and educational purposes without compensation.

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EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Certified affiliates commit to annually celebrate National Pollinator Week or some other appropriate occasion with educational events, pollinator habitat plantings or restoration, and/or proclamations or promotions that showcase the community's commitment to enhancing pollinator health and habitat.

Find more information on national days/weeks/months connected to pollinator conservation here:

<https://www.beecityusa.org/faqs-city.html>

How many Bee City USA logo street signs have you installed to date (in total)?

Thank you for installing your Bee City USA logo sign(s) in a prominent location(s)! This sign acknowledges your community's commitment and invites broad involvement.

Your answer _____

How many pollinator-related events did your affiliate host or help with last year (in total)?

You may describe your events below.

Your answer _____

How many people attended those events (in total)?

Your answer _____

Did your city council/county commission (highest elected body) issue a proclamation for National Pollinator Week last summer?

Adopting a National Pollinator Week Proclamation is optional for affiliates.

Yes

No

Please describe pollinator conservation event(s) in your community last year, whether your committee hosted them or not, but indicating which of the events your committee hosted.

Describe the activity and the audience. You may also include the number of attendees and the date. Save pollinator habitat enhancement for the next section. Recommended word count: 200-400 words.

Your answer _____

Please upload a photo(s) of education & outreach activities.

Close-ups tend to work best.

 Add file

Please provide a caption for each education & outreach photo you uploaded.
Please format your captions as: "photo file name: photo file caption, photo file name: photo caption, ..."

Your answer _____

Miscellaneous comments--Education & Outreach

Your answer _____

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ENHANCING POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT

Please check all that describe the habitats your affiliate helped to create or enhance last year with pollinator benefit in mind.

We encourage avoiding all pesticide use unless targeted herbicides are determined to be the best method to manage invasive or noxious weeds.

- Flower garden
- Vegetable garden
- Orchard
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species
- Meadow
- Pollinator-friendly lawn (with flowering clover, dandelions...)
- Herb garden
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting
- Rain garden/bioswale
- Roadside/rights of way planting
- School garden
- Other: _____

How many habitat projects did your affiliate help to create or enhance last year?

Habitat may be flower gardens, vegetable gardens, orchards, natural areas, meadows, pollinator-friendly lawns, etc.

Your answer _____

How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

Your answer _____

How many volunteers helped with those projects?

If one volunteer helped on multiple occasions, count each occasion. We understand that volunteer tracking is difficult, so please do your best to estimate.

Your answer _____

Please describe pollinator habitat creation or enhancement event(s) in your community last year, whether your committee hosted them or not.

Please indicate which of the events your committee hosted. Describe the activity, the participants, the date, and the type of habitat. Recommended word count: 200-400 words.

Your answer _____

Please upload a photo(s) of pollinator habitat and related activities.

Close-ups tend to work best.

 Add file

Please provide a caption for each pollinator health & habitat photo you uploaded.

Please format your captions as: "photo file name: photo file caption, photo file name: photo caption, ..."

Your answer _____

Miscellaneous comments--Enhancing Pollinator Health & Habitat

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POLICIES & PRACTICES

Each certified Bee City USA affiliate commits to:

* Establish/maintain a Bee City USA Committee or Subcommittee charged with facilitating your pollinator conservation and education efforts.

* Develop and maintain a Pollinator Habitat Plan to include a locally native (indigenous to your ecoregion), pollinator-friendly plant list with regional sources for such plants and a least toxic pollinator-friendly integrated pest management (IPM) plan.

* Establish a policy in the City's or County's comprehensive planning documents to acknowledge and commit to the Bee City USA designation.

* Review relevant City or County plans and other relevant documents to: consider improvements to pest management policies and practices as they relate to pollinator conservation, identify appropriate locations for pollinator-friendly plantings, and consider other appropriate measures.

The plant list and IPM plan should be publicized and available on the web to offer a valuable landscape-management model applicable to other local landscapes.

Please describe your committee make-up and how it facilitates broad-based pollinator conservation efforts in your community.

Your answer

URL for your recommended locally native plant species list

Your answer

URL for regional suppliers of those plants

Supplier list may be combined with plant list

Your answer

URL for IPM plan

Your answer

Describe how your IPM plan and recommended native species list are integrated into the affiliate city's (or affiliate county's) planning documents.

Recommended word count: 100-200 words.

Your answer

What actions has your affiliate taken to make pest management practices more pollinator-friendly?

- Implemented or maintained a written IPM plan
- Avoided use of pesticides in designated pollinator habitat and other sensitive sites (except when targeted herbicide use is deemed the best option for invasive or noxious weed management)
- Implemented non-chemical pest prevention and management methods
- Eliminated pesticide uses that are solely to maintain aesthetics
- Reduced the number of sites where pesticides are used
- Restricted pesticides used to organic pesticides
- Dropped pesticide use altogether
- Other: _____

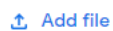
Please describe actions taken to make pest management more pollinator-friendly.

This could include stating the non-chemical methods used, how pesticide use was reduced, or the number of acres affected by the IPM plan. Recommended word count: 100-200 words.

Your answer _____

Please upload a photo(s) related to your policies and practices.

Close-ups tend to work best.

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Please provide a caption for each policies & practices photo you uploaded.

Please format your captions as: "photo file name: photo file caption, photo file name: photo caption, ..."

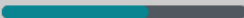
Your answer _____

Miscellaneous comments--Policies & Practices

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CONTACT UPDATE

Each Bee City USA affiliate commits to:

- * Establish/maintain a Bee City USA Committee or Subcommittee charged with overseeing your community's pollinator conservation and education efforts.
- * Maintain a webpage to share your Bee City USA news and activities.

Name of committee

Your answer

Committee list

Please list your Bee City USA committee members (first name last name Role and email address) separated by commas following this format: Firstname Lastname Role <xxxxx@xxxx.xxxxx>, Firstname Lastname Role <xxxxx@xxxx.xxxxx>, Firstname Lastname Role <xxxxx@xxxx.xxxxx>,...NOTE: By including an email address here, you are giving Bee City USA permission to add these emails to our E-News and listserv lists, our main educational vehicles for affiliates.

Your answer

Website URL for your Bee City USA news

Your answer

Facebook or other social media URL for your Bee City USA news

Your answer

Mailing address

This should be an address where we can send materials to your committee.

Your answer

Sponsoring city or county department name

Your answer

Sponsoring city or county department liaison name

Your answer _____

Sponsoring city or county department liaison email

Your answer _____

Sponsoring city or county department liaison phone number

Your answer _____

Name of committee chair

Your answer _____

Email of committee chair

Your answer _____

Phone number of committee chair

Your answer _____

Name of committee co-chair

If applicable

Your answer _____

Email of committee co-chair

If applicable

Your answer _____

Phone number of committee co-chair

If applicable

Your answer

Would you like the name and email address of your chair (or co-chairs) listed on your annual report?

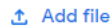
This report will be publicly available on the Bee City USA website.

Yes

No

Please upload a photo(s) related to your committee.

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Please provide a caption for each committee photo you uploaded.

Please format your captions as: "photo file name: photo file caption, photo file name: photo caption, ..."

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Feedback for Bee City USA

Thank you for all the important work you did to conserve pollinators in 2019 and for taking the time to complete your annual report!

Bee City USA strives to support our affiliates as best we can. As we constantly seek to improve our program we would love to hear from you. We hope you'll take a moment to let us know how we can improve the Bee City USA program and better support your conservation efforts.

How can Bee City USA improve their program to better support your conservation efforts?

Your answer

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- Yes, it's complete
- No, I'm still working on it.

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