

Bee Campus USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



University of Illinois at Chicago Chicago, Illinois

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Students touring the Greenhouse at UIC.

EcoEducators Greenhouse and Prairie Tour that was held on October 3rd with 7 students in attendance.

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT



Little Prairie on campus was enhanced with the help of four students and interns in order to maintain and expand the native prairie plants at UIC on July 23rd, 2019.

Students working on prairie.

SERVICE LEARNING

Ten students participated in a Heritage Garden volunteer day on July 11th, 2019.

CURRICULUM & CONTINUING EDUCATION



UIC Pollinator-Friendly Landscape Training Presentation

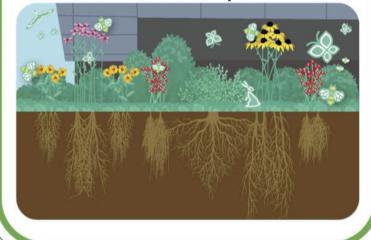
Continued education with the UIC Pollinator-Friendly Landscape Training with U of I Extension on Friday May 17, 2019.

EDUCATIONAL & INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE



Campus Prairie

Thanks to a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, this area is restored with native plants, much like those that once dominated the Illinois landscape. Not only do these native plants' deep roots soak up stormwater, they also attract pollinators and wildlife, creating a pollinator-friendly urban habitat, contributing to our goal to become a Biodiverse Campus.



Campus Prairie sign

In 2019, the University installed "Sustainable University" signs, which contain information on various sustainable practices in use around campus. These signs included a Campus Prairie sign which describes how native plants attract pollinators and increase the biodiversity of campus and is permanent.

POLICIES & PRACTICES

UIC emphasizes control of pests on campus, not eradication. UIC does regular maintenance on pollinator habitats and adds no fertilizer to the native plantings. For pest management, UIC also uses mechanical control such as trimmers and biological controls such as plants to attract predatory insects. UIC also assesses the damage done by pests to determine if pesticides are the last option and do not add them to flowering plants or plants used for nesting.

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List —

https://sustainability.uic.edu/plans/accessible-sustainability-plans/campus-pollinator-habitat-plan/

Regional Native Plant Supplier List —

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Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan —

https://sustainability.uic.edu/plans/accessible-sustainability-plans/campus-pollinator-habitat-plan/

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