Bee City USA - Appleton WI

Report on 2021

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

We continue to work with the Bee Campus affiliate and their good word to expand the Pollinator Education Center on campus and are working to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Appleton to develop and implement an adopt-a-pollinator-patch program for a forthcoming 6 mile nature trail through the City.

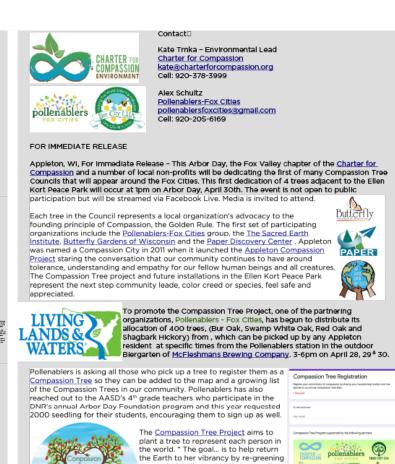
Education & Outreach

World Bee Day: Pollenablers hosted an event at a local brewery which is home to several honey bee hives managed by Israel del Toro. Highlights included pollinators themed artwork and demonstrations by Encaustic artist Jesse Frisch, community honey bee hive box paining and the release of "Dames & Dandies", a pilsner infused with Dame's Rocket and Dandelion flower essence. National Pollinator Week: Because of Covid, plans to conduct in person events for National Pollinator Week 2021 were shelved. However, we did pivot and host a number of on-line educational opportunities throughout the week, but those too were not very well attended. NoMowMay: Our biggest success was the expansion of the NoMow May initiative which saw participation from 9 additional communities in the Fox Valley and in the state of Wisconsin. We expect that number to double in 2022. We will be introducing a Resolution to Appleton council this year to permanently change our Municipal Code to allow citizens to participate in whatever manner they chose by pushing the weed ordinance efforcement start date to June 1 and implementing other language changes to the Code to allow for and promote more pollinator friendly approaches to flower bed plantings and lawn care. We hosted 2 Compassion Tree Council events in Appleton, the first on Arbor Day, establishing the Council of Compassion Trees and the second (as cohost) in October, welcoming the addition of the a White Pine to the established Council Tree in October. The second event was very well intended and included the Mayor, Lieutenant Governor and Governor of Wisconsin.









Compassion Tree Council sign at Peace Park

Arbor Day press release

generations."

the world locally, regionally, nationally and far beyond our borders wherever we live.... each tree representing the

commitment and responsibility of ensuring a healthy planet for future

Policies & Practices

This year, encouraged by the NoMowMay initiative, the City moved more public park spaces into lower-frequency mowing programs and converted more clippings into mulched overlay.

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List: Appleton-WI-Local-Plant-List.pdf

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: Appleton-WI-Local-Plant Suppliers.pdf





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