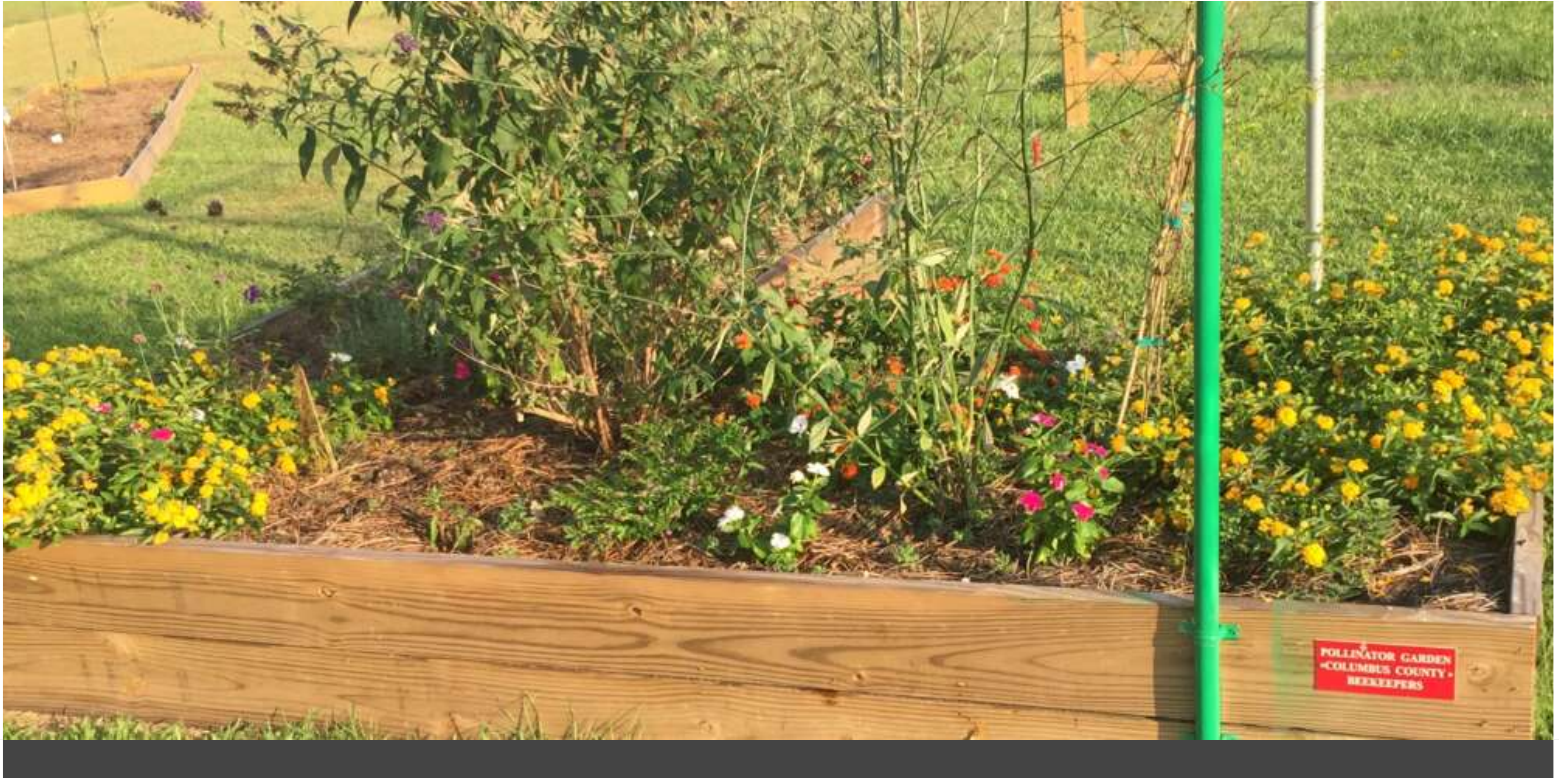


Bee City USA - Whiteville

Report on 2021

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

The Whiteville Rotary Club created approximately 20 small pollinator plots on the front entrance to the N.C. Museum of Science at Whiteville. Additional enhancements were done to the Pollinator Plot Gardens at Columbus Regional Healthcare System in Whiteville



Education & Outreach

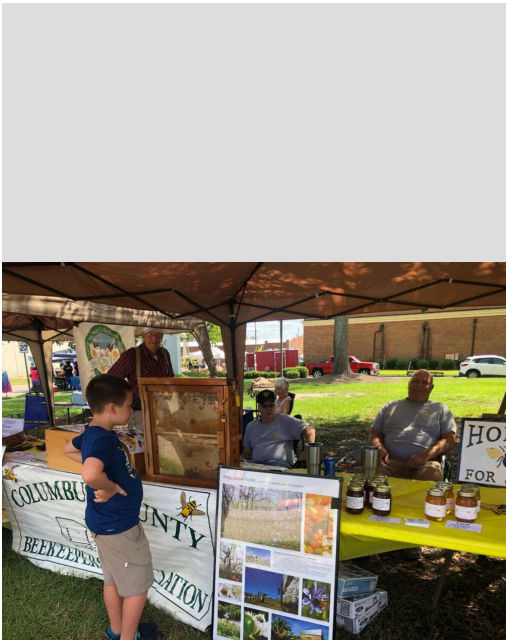
COVID-19 significantly impacted the number of events the Bee City USA Committee could safely participate in. The NC Honey Festival, an all-outdoor event was held and several hundred people visited our booth. Several outdoor school pollinator-education projects were held, including our local County Fair where thousands attended, outdoors. The dedication of a large honeybee exterior wall mural in downtown Whiteville was dedicated with City officials and the general public. The project was funded by a partnership between the Columbus County Beekeepers Association and the



Brunswick Electric Membership Cooperative (BEMC). Bess Hinson-Taylor a local muralist, who has also done seven butterfly murals in downtown Whiteville, was the artist.



A photo of an active honeybee hive to show school students



Whiteville hosts the N.C. Honey Festival each September where thousands of people visit related booths in downtown. See our Bee City USA banner in top left.



Columbus County hosts one of the largest agricultural fairs in the State. Each year, the Bee City USA Committee of the Columbus County Beekeepers Association provide pollinator education to thousands of visitors. See Bee City USA banner in back center.

Policies & Practices

The pollinator plots at our local hospital are care for with pesticide free procedures. Each year, the Bee City USA Committee gives an annual report to the City Council, and urges it to follow pollinator-friendly protocols.

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:



Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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Two key members of the Bee City USA Committee are Michael Shuman, Agricultural Extension Agent (on ladder) and Columbus County Beekeepers Association Vice-President and Bee City USA co-liaison, Patrick Dwyer. Others not shown are: Ricky Boswell, President; Nikki Walker, Secretary; Darren Currie, City Manager; Bonnie Williams, City Clerk and Steve Smith, Bee City USA Liaison

