

# Bee City USA - Ypsilanti

Report on 2021

## Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

The Ypsilanti Senior Center, a facility of the City of Ypsilanti, partnered with Eagle Scout Juno Ryan and volunteers, who re-planted the flower beds in front of the Ypsilanti Senior Center with native flowers that attract pollinators. The plants included were Eastern Red Columbine, Wild Geranium, Short's Aster, Virginia Bluebells, Canada Anemone, Zigzag Goldenrod, Butterfly Weed, and Bee Balm. They also placed bee houses in the garden out front and in the community garden around the back, three in total.



Juno building the bee houses with her Scout troop.



Volunteers lay out the native plants before planting the garden at the Senior Center.



Finished installation of the pollinator garden and one of the new bee houses at the Senior Center.

## Education & Outreach

Festival of the Honey Bee was held for its 9th year. Though it was a smaller production due to the global pandemic, residents of Ypsilanti still came out to celebrate. We had an outdoor street festival that featured the Pollinator Drag Revue hosted by Queen Bee Pixie Mae Barnes, and had live performance and a dance party to wrap up the night. Artist vendors took to the theme, and Bee Present Honey brought their educational activities to engage with the kids. Simultaneously, Local Art Gallery 22 North held their annual exhibition named "Beeline: The Festival of the Honeybee Art Exhibition", our icecream shop featured local honey icecream, Maniacal Mead Company debuted their new tasting room, along with other pollinator art and educational events happening around the city for First Fridays Ypsilanti.





Here are some of the performers with the Pollinator Drag Revue. The Creativity that these performers bring to the Festival every year is outstanding.



Participants made their own antennae at the antennae crafting station!



Bee Present Honey teaching kids the stages of a bees life.

## Policies & Practices

Though there is not an official IPM plan in place, The Department of Public Services is mindful of the use of pesticides in the City of Ypsilanti, and will only use them if other solutions have been exhausted.

**Integrated Pest Management Plan:**

**Recommended Native Plant List:**

**Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:**

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