# Bee Campus USA - Delta College

Report on 2021

#### Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

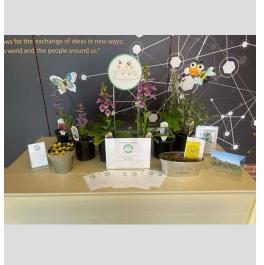
Last fall we created new planting beds on the west side of the covered bridge to attract bees and butterflies. This area is closer to natural habitat and is part of our hiking trail system. We have dedicated over 3000 square feet of compost enriched perennial beds top-dresses with mulch to help reduce the competition of weeds. These beds were planted with over 400, 1gal perennials last fall. The plant list consists of Yarrow, Rudbeckia, Corelopsis, Asters, Hyssop, Bee Balm, Catnip, Delphinium, Shasta Daisy, Fox Glove, Blue flax to name a few. The plan is to cultivate these plants in this area and then redistribute them along the hiking trails. In 2022 Deltas Environmental Club in addition to Staff volunteers will assist with maintaining these beds, collecting seeds and transplanting in the spring and fall. In 2022, the Pollinator Alliance Team is planning to work an area high school to assist in the maintenance of a pre-existing pollinator garden. We will assist in evaluating the current setup for efficacy as a pollinator garden, and assisting with any maintenance that may need to occur. Our Downtown Midland Center Staff is signed up to participate in Midland Blooms an annual beautification project hosted by Midland Business Alliance. Plantings occur along several streetscapes and are planted by local business volunteers.

#### Education & Outreach

In 2021 we were limited to virtual events due to college COVID-19 procedures in place. Earth Day 2021 we focused our efforts on our Bee Campus USA participation with education tables placed at the entrances of our Main Campus. During Earth Week, employees met in our pollinator trail system and cleared area and planted trees in designated areas in a continued effort to develop our pollinator trails.











Earth Day 2021 Tabling Event

Earth Day 2021 Plantings Awareness and Giveaways

### Courses & Continuing Education

Our community partnership that including a pollinator awareness session closed in 2021 due to COVID. We are currently seeking new partnerships in the region.

# Service-Learning

No student service learning projects were scheduled in 2021 due to college COVID restrictions.

## Educational Signage

Temporary educational signage is placed annually on all of our campuses designated areas that are intentionally cultivated for pollinators. Signage is in place starting Earth Week in April and remains in place through the Spring and Summer seasons.









### Policies & Practices

Our integrated pest management program focuses on using the least number of pesticides and the minimum amount to manage without trying to control the pest. We use cultural practices, mulching and pruning instead of applying pesticides for weeds and diseases.

Integrated Pest Management Plan: Delta College\_IPM Plan.pdf

Recommended Native Plant List: <a href="PERENNIALS.xlsx">PERENNIALS.xlsx</a>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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