



Bee City Renewal 2020

Name of City, Town, Municipality or First Nation

Township of Selwyn

Province

Ontario

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Briefly summarize your Bee City experience during the past year. Please include information about challenges, feedback, and media responses.

The past year has seen many rewards with our pollinator gardens. Active been houses and habitats have created a buzz in the community. It is evident through various community/residential gardens that community members are becoming more educated and aware on the importance of native planting and bees.

Please tell us about your community's efforts to reduce the use of pesticides.

- Committing to pesticide free community space by having Township staff only preform hand/tool removal of weeds.
 - Educating community members via social media platforms on the impacts of pesticides.
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Outline community initiatives focusing on habitat creation and restoration. If possible, include a plant list.

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- Planted only native trees at the Ennismore Memorial Forest
 - Promoted the bee and gardens through educational handouts at horticultural meetings
 - Refurbished the bee habitat at the Isabel Morris Park pollinator garden
 - Refurbished educational signage at the Isabel Morris Park pollinator garden
 - Many gardens saw lots of growth in the past three years and several more varieties of native plants have been added
 - Shrubs were removed along the edge of the Isabel Morris Park pollinator garden which created a larger area to plant more pollinator friendly perennials. The additional plants have resulted in a very active bee habitat.
 - A defining border and a second pathway was added to the Isabel Morris Park pollinator garden to accommodate visitors.
 - The Lakefield & District Horticultural Society had very positive results from plantings and species, as a result they created a video of the area.
 - The Selwyn Library planted a new pollinator garden at the Lakefield Library which was planted by two teen volunteers. One of the high school students worked in advance to re-search pollinator-friendly plants and drew a plan for the garden, accounting for its dryness and light exposure. Plantings included: Spotted Joe-Pye weed, Swamp Milkweed, Prairie smoke, catmint, bergamot, phlox, rudbeckia, and columbine.
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How did your community promote being a Bee City?

We promote Bee City through our gardens, website and social media.

Please tell us about your efforts aimed at educating your community, including residents, city employees, contractors, children and other groups.

- Both Horticultural Societies actively host meetings that discuss the benefits of pollinator gardens and educate on native plantings. For example, last year a beekeeper family spoke on their work as beekeepers and their new initiative in creating a twelve acre wildflower area.
 - Signage at various pollinator gardens aim to educate visitors.
 - The Ennismore Garden Club offers a Sprouts program for young gardeners which includes education and practical exercises like nature walks in the woods to identify native flowers.
 - Both horticultural societies actively encourage members to plant native flowers at their homes and have conducted garden tours.
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Please tell us about your community's participation in National Pollinator Week celebrations and other events.

- Promoted National Pollinator week through our various social media outlets.

Describe your plans for creating, improving and maintaining pollinator habitat during the next year.

- The Ennismore Garden Club will be installing a beehouse in there pollinator garden this year.
 - The Lakefield & District Horticultural Society have scheduled Carlotta James to speak on pollinator gardens.
 - The Selwyn Library has plans to install a bee house at the Lakefield pollinator garden.
 - General Planting of more native plants and shrubs in existing flowerbeds
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Has your City/Town/Municipality/First Nation created a Bee City website or webpage?

Yes

Bee City Renewal Fees

10,001 – 25,000 population - \$200