



Bee City Renewal 2021

Name of City, Town, Municipality or First Nation

Township of King

Province

Ontario

Applicant's Name

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Are you the primary contact person?

Yes

Pollinator Team Members

The Township of King does not have a Bee City Pollinator Team. The Township of King Community Service Department oversees Bee City Certification and deliverables for the Township.

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

2020 was a challenging year for the Township of King to implement Bee City Certification initiatives. Due to COVID-19 the municipality had to cancel events, workshops and programs that were planned for 2020. Cancellations for the following events include Bee House Building Workshop, Gardening to Attract Pollinators Workshop, Importance of Fruit Trees for Pollinators, The Buzz Community Pollinator Event, Beginner Bee Keeping Workshop, Pollinator Garden Creation Wildflower Planting.

Outline community initiatives focusing on habitat creation and restoration. If possible, include a plant list.

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Events that ran during 2020 included a wildflower planting with Seneca College Environmental Landscape Management Program at Cold Creek Conservation Area. 246 wildflowers and grasses were planted to contribute to the Tall Grass Prairie Restoration project. Species planted include; Grey headed cone flower, false sunflower, Lance Leaved Coreopsis, wild columbine, dense blazing star, wild bergamot, cup plant, pale purple cone flower, showy tick trefoil, wild nodding onions, smooth aster, golden Alexander, sneezeweed , blue flag iris, ironweed, bee balm, new england aster.

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

The Township of King has a variety of pollinator focused activities and workshops planned for 2021. Please see list below

- National Pollinator Week - Milkweed and wildflower seed distribution to the community
- Reduced Mowing Strategy,
- Tree and Shrub plantings as well as wildflower plantings
- Apply for several grants to receive funding for pollinator enhancement projects. One of the grants include a proposed planting that would consist of planting 2000 native wildflower and grasses.
- Creating a pollinator demonstration garden at the Township of King new Municipal Office Centre
- Installing pollinator focused educations signage
- Continuing a partnership with Innisfil Creek Honey to offer Introduction to Bee Keeping Workshops and virtual bee tours
- Sell Pollinator Packs to the community. The Pollinator pack includes interactive learning activities that can be done at home. Learn about the importance of pollinators and build your own bee and insect hotel at home. Take the Pollinator Pledge, the Pollinator Pack will provide each participant with 5 things they can do to help support pollinators.

Has your City/Town/Municipality/First Nation posted Bee City Canada signage?

No

Has your City/Town/Municipality/First Nation created a Bee City website or webpage?

Yes

Please provide the URL of your Bee City webpage.

<https://www.king.ca/development-growth/environmental-sustainability/environmental-stewardship>

Bee City Renewal Fees

10,001 – 25,000 population - \$200