

Bee City USA - Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Report on 2020

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

We planted 21 flowering trees to benefit pollinator species at Wright Memorial. We coordinated several habitat enhancement events at Huffman Prairie State Natural Landmark, to include a prescribed burn, a planting of 200+ native plugs, 13+ pounds of seed harvested (to be redistributed within the prairie), & 200+ native tree seedling planted.



Native prairie plugs



Native tree seedling planting



Bee Yard at WPAFB

Education & Outreach

Our Committee was unable to hold formal events due to Covid-19 restrictions. Our installation is only allowing mission-essential personnel on base, and gathering for events is has not been authorized for much of the last 12 months. We did continue our outreach initiatives as best as possible through social media and our base newspaper.



WPAFB Natural Resources Program
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It is Pollinator Week! Did you know WPAFB was the first military installation in the US to earn the designation of "Bee City"? Our natural resources team works hard to preserve and protect pollinator populations...and we do so with collaboration with local environmental organizations.

Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative
Jun 21, 2020 · 🌐

Photo of Pollen collected near WPAFB past 5 days. Note the diversity of Pollen available to ALL Pollinators During the middle of June in Western Ohio. This pollen collection is part of a Research Project at a local Ohio University.



Social Media Outreach

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There are 6 Monarch Waystations at WPAFB. (More are expected to be planted next year). These native gardens provide resources necessary for monarchs to... See More



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Enjoy beauty of Huffman Prairie State Natural Landmark

NATURAL RESOURCES



AT RIGHT: Eleven bee colonies are managed on base through a partnership with Propolis Projects.

Dayton Daily News newspaper article

Policies & Practices

Given we are a federal military installation we have specific guidance in terms of IPM plans. We work very closely with our entomology department. They have been extremely cooperative with our efforts to minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides, especially when near pollinator habitats and/or our bee hives. They also contact us to catch feral bee colonies, rather than destroy them.

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:



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