

# Bee City USA - Ypsilanti

Report on 2020

## Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

## Education & Outreach

Festival of the Honeybee, in partnership with First Fridays Ypsilanti made the decision to move forward with a small-scale, socially distanced, masked outdoor event on September 4th, 2020. This event was called the "Prevent the Colony Collapse Edition" which was a commentary on not only protecting pollinators, but also protecting each other from COVID-19. "No Swarming, Mask up or Buzz off!" This event featured live music and our annual FOTHB Drag Show, where our drag community performed buzz-worthy sets dressed up as bees and other pollinators. Honey and flower vendors lined the street along with beekeepers with education opportunities for the young kids. Restaurants, bars and cafes around the city participated by offering honey inspired items to guests. 22 North, a fine arts gallery in our Downtown presented Drawdown, in unison with FOTHB. Southeast Michigan artists collectively addressed climate change with hopeful insights and viable solutions for mothering our earth. Festival of the Honey Bee aims to raise community-wide awareness, and celebrate the honey bee impact on our local and global food supply - as well as the pollinator population decline - through art and education. All events were livestreamed for folks not yet comfortable with attending a live event.



Local Band Mercury Salad playing on stage. Guests were required to mask up at this event.

Bad Fairy Farms selling their honey for the first time at Festival of the Honey Bee. They have been a big part of the festival by creating imaginative honey inspired menus and hosting Bee-themed art at Bona Sera Restaurant.

Social distancing sign in front of flower vendor, We Adore Flower.

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## Policies & Practices

The Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority that is in charge of all downtown landscaping prohibits use of pesticides.

**Integrated Pest Management Plan:**

**Recommended Native Plant List:**

**Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:**

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