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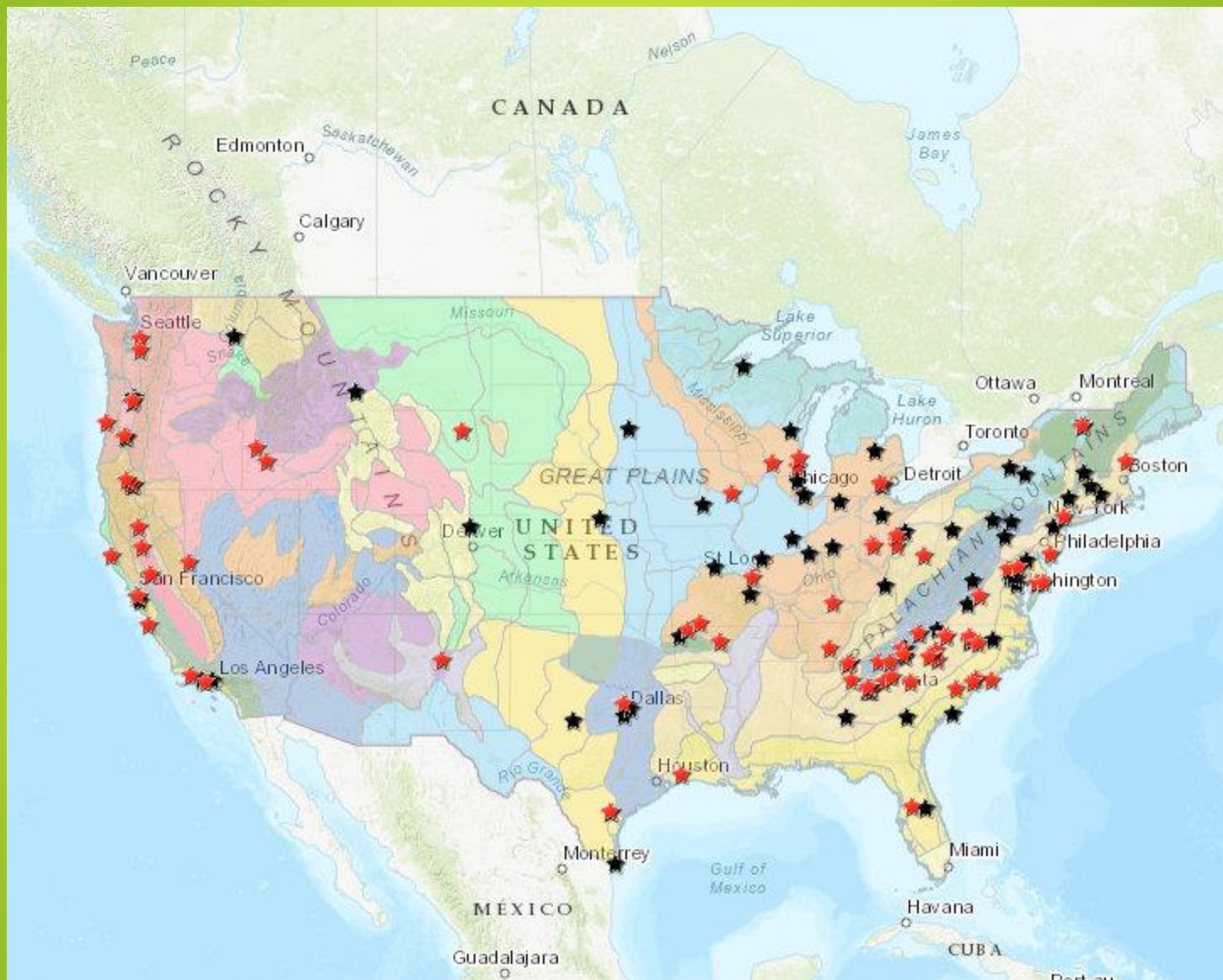
**Official Designated on
May 21, 2019**



What is it??

- Program began in 2011 in Asheville, NC
- Their goal was to engage as many people as possible in reversing the population declines of native bees, honey bees and other pollinators
- Second city (Talent OR) came on board in 2014
- Currently 104 cities, 28 states & DC





Benefits to being a Bee CITY USA

- Sharing & collaboration with other entities
- Shows our commitment to nationwide effort
- Funding opportunities
- Access to Xerces database of info and latest research
- Press releases templates, brochure templates, T-shirt designs, signage, etc.



Benefits to being a Bee CITY USA

- Improve local food production through increased pollination
- Improve demand at local sources for native, pollinator friendly plants
- Assist in removal of invasive species
- Introduce an integrated pest management program, provide locals alternative possibilities for pest management
- Heighten awareness of seasonal changes



Requirements the City must meet

- ✓ Pass a Resolution designating us as a Bee City USA
- ✓ Designate a city office to be the sponsor of the program
- ✓ Establish a committee to facilitate the program
- ✓ Host at least 1 educational event or pollinator habitat planting or restoration each year
 - Install & maintain at least 1 Bee City USA sign
- ✓ Create & maintain a page on our website with info including progress of committee
- ✓ Develop & implement plan to create & expand habitat on public & private lands
 - Identify & inventory real property that can be enhanced
- ✓ Create a recommended locally native plant list
 - Create a list of local native plant suppliers
 - Annually track acreage of pollinator habitat created or enhanced

Requirements the City must meet

- Create & adopt an integrated pest management
- Expand use of non-chemical pest management methods
- Each February after one full year in the program, apply for renewal and include a report on the previous year's activities
- ✓ Pay renewal fee based on population
- All requirements must be met within 2 years and continue maintaining and updating as needed after that time

What Have We Accomplished??

- Resolution passed by City Council
- Committee Formed June 3rd, 2019
- City Clerk's Office designated as Liaison
- Website established
- Public Awareness established as the number one priority

What Have We Accomplished??

- Pollinator Gardens planned & started
- Source found for native pollinator plants
- Working with master gardeners
- Speaking at local clubs – MG's, Women's Club, Lions Club
- Establishing certified pollinator garden criteria
- In discussion regarding elementary school age education

SPEAKER SERIES



December
Shanda King,
Beekeeping



January
Sheldon Owen
Animal Habitat



WILLIAMSTOWN
BEE CITY USA
SPEAKER SERIES

*"Monarch Butterfly Status,
Conservation, Pesticides,
Agriculture & Pollinators"*

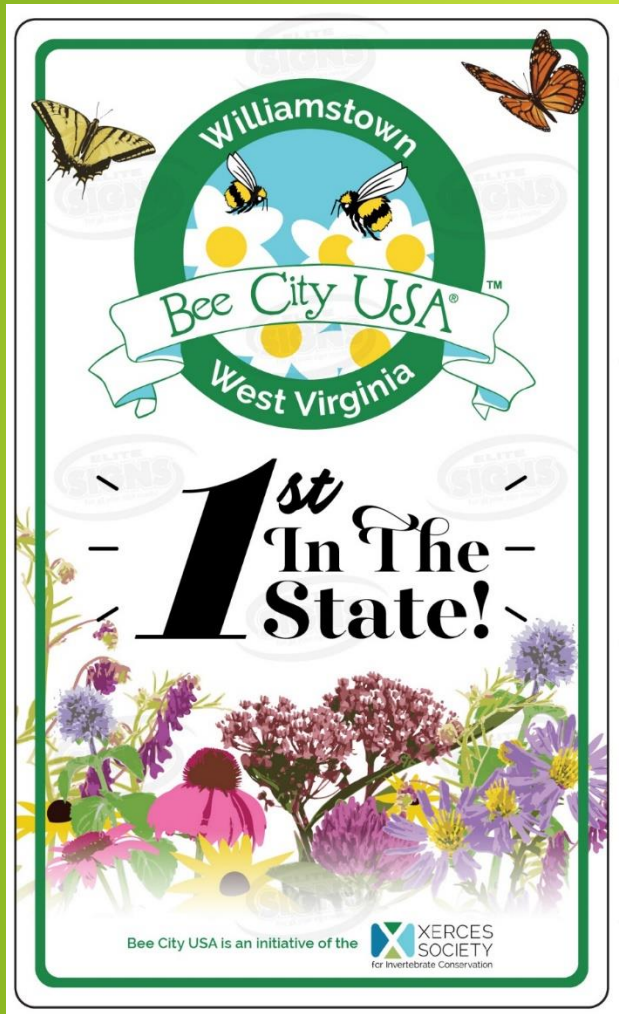
By: Susan Okrent, WV Dept of Natural Resources

Tuesday, February 25th 7:00pm
First Baptist Church of Williamstown
431 Highland Avenue
Multipurpose Room

FREE!!



*Tuesday, March 24th
Brandy Brabham, WVU Extension
Creating a Home Pollinator
Garden*



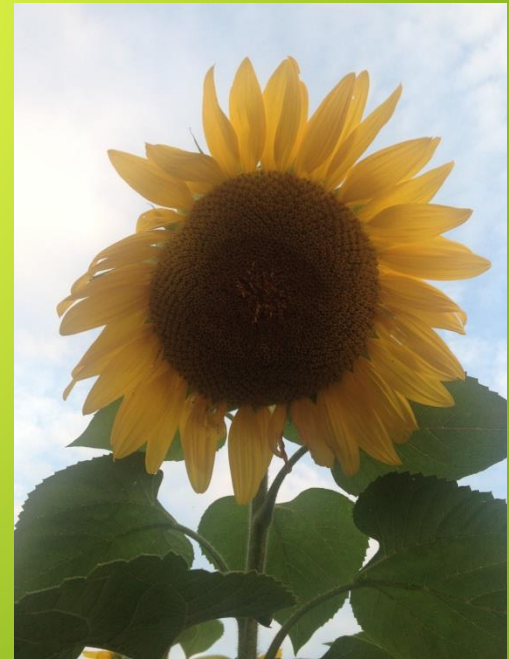






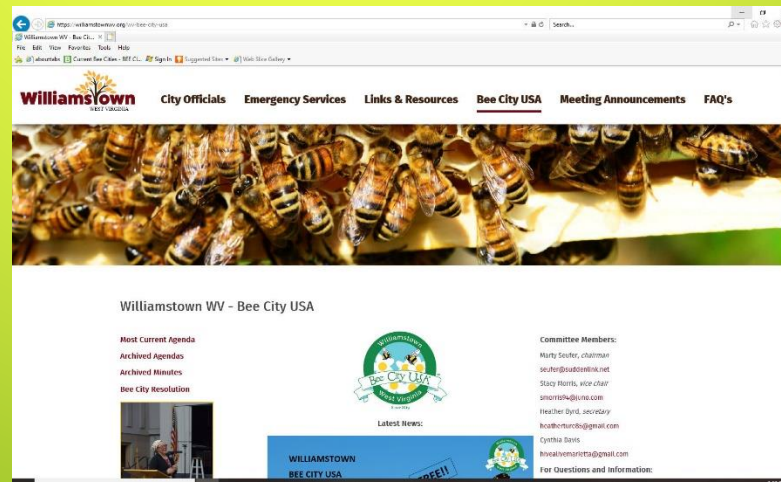
Community Input

None
Of This
Works
Unless....
The Community
Buys Into
The Program!!!



Important Websites

- williamstownwv.org
- www.beecityusa.org
- xerces.org



We Can Lead The Way!!!

