



Bee City USA[®]

Renewal Application

Please email this completed renewal application with requested attachments to beecityusa@gmail.com with *APPLICATION* in the subject line. The Bee City USA designation is recognition of work completed by the community during the previous year.

As Mayor of Asheville, North Carolina, I herewith make application for this community's designation as BEE CITY USA to be renewed for the 2013/2014 fiscal year having met the Bee City USA standards noted below.

STANDARD 1: Maintain a Bee City USA Commission, Board, Subcommittee, or Responsible City Department and their Representative (i.e. Liaison to Bee City USA)

Name of responsible entity: Asheville Tree Commission and Bee City USA Subcommittee

Name of representative, phone, and email:
Ken Putnam, 828-259-5405, kputnam@ashevillenc.gov

Date of establishment of board or subcommittee:
Tree Commission September 28, 1999
Bee City USA Subcommittee: April 16, 2012

List or attach member names: Mike Kenton, Amy Kemp, Brandee Boggs, Debbie Emmons, Eric Schlosser, Jonathan Gach, Asheville Greenworks, Bee City USA, Progress Energy Duke

List meeting dates for past year:
In 2012: June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 22, Nov. 19
In 2013: Jan. 22, Feb. 18, Mar. 18, Apr. 15, May 20, June 17, July 15

STANDARD 2: Maintain Bee City USA Resolution (Attach adopted resolution only if it has been amended since last Bee City USA application.)

N/A (Resolution adopted June 26, 2012)

STANDARD 3: Publicly Acknowledge Your Bee City USA Designation

Install or maintain at least one *Bee City USA* street sign using artwork provided by *Bee City USA*. Attach photo(s) of and provide location(s) of *Bee City USA* street sign(s):

First sign installed at City County Plaza on College Street (photo attached) September 16, 2013

Maintain a page on the municipality's website indicating your *Bee City USA* liaison(s), linking to your signed resolution and the Bee City USA website (beecityusa.org), and summarizing the pollinator-friendly activities the municipality has undertaken or accomplished the previous year. Provide URL for webpage:

Webpage to be created in 2014.

STANDARD 4: Annually Celebrate Your Bee City USA Designation With Proclamation and Public Event(s) Preferably During National Pollinator Week or Other Appropriate Date (See Instructions below)

Provide date of and attach PDF of your signed annual Bee City USA proclamation, linking to proclamation on webpage above: August 14, 2012 for National Honeybee Day and June 8, 2013 (attached)

Date(s) observance(s) was held: Bee City USA Launch Event held at Asheville City Market on August 18, 2012 and annual Pollination Celebration held June 8-22, 2013

Provide announcement of your Bee City USA annual observance(s): See attached PDF of Pollination Celebration flyer

STANDARD 5: Apply for Annual Renewal and Summarize Activities Conducted to Raise Awareness of and Sustain Pollinators

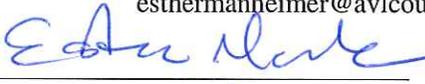
Instructions: In no more than five pages, please summarize how you made your community more hospitable to pollinators this year. Attachments and photos are welcome. Possible activities follow below; however, each community is encouraged to conduct activities that reflect its unique needs and assets. In your description of each activity, please indicate the date, audience/participants, hosts, and the location.

- Develop and disseminate a list of attractive plants that: are native to your county, provide food or nesting materials for pollinators, and are available from local seed and plant suppliers.
- Provide staff development regarding managing landscapes to sustain pollinators.
- Provide public education through workshops, brochures, websites, media, etc. regarding best practices to sustain pollinators.
- Remove non-native invasive plants.
- Designate pollinator refuges in public spaces.
- Develop a policy discouraging or banning the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes on ornamental and landscape plants on municipal property or within the municipality's jurisdiction (similar to the [cosmetic pesticide ban](#) now in force in Takoma Park, Maryland).
- Plant and/or label native, pollinator-friendly plants on city-maintained lands.
- Substitute natural, chemical free treatments for pesticides or reduce pesticide use for least ill effects on pollinators, scheduling treatments during times when pollinators are not active.
- Provide incentives for or require that developers use native, pollinator friendly plants in their landscape.
- Recognize businesses, residents, or neighborhoods for establishing and/or maintaining pollinator friendly habitats and demonstration gardens.
- Replace lawns with pollinator meadows.
- If removal of honey bees is necessary, promote colony capture rather than destruction.

- Report your pollinator-friendly activities in the media and on your *Bee City USA* web page.
- Collaborate with the Department of Transportation to make roadsides pesticide-free pollinator meadows.

Mayor or equivalent:

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Signature: 

Date: 1.21.2014

Municipal Liaison to Bee City USA:

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Signature: 

Date: 1-16-14

Certification (To be completed by Bee City USA)

Congratulations! Bee City USA is pleased to advise you that we received your renewal application and have concluded that you have met the standards for renewal of your designation as a Bee City USA community for the next fiscal year. With your help, we are making the world safer for pollinators, one city at a time. If we take care of the pollinators, they will take care of us.

Date: _____ Fiscal Year: 2013-2014