

A close-up photograph of a honeybee on a white flower. The bee is positioned in the center, facing away from the camera. The flower has several large, white petals. The background is filled with green leaves and stems, creating a natural, outdoor setting. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

**City of Austin  
Parks and Recreation Department  
Concessions and Contracts Committee**

**Bee-Lieve it or Not!**  
Exhibit at  
**Austin Nature & Science Center**

**Interlocal Agreement with Purdue University  
November 10, 2015**

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## Exhibit at Austin Nature & Science Center

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Jack French, Marketing

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*We need Pollinators and*

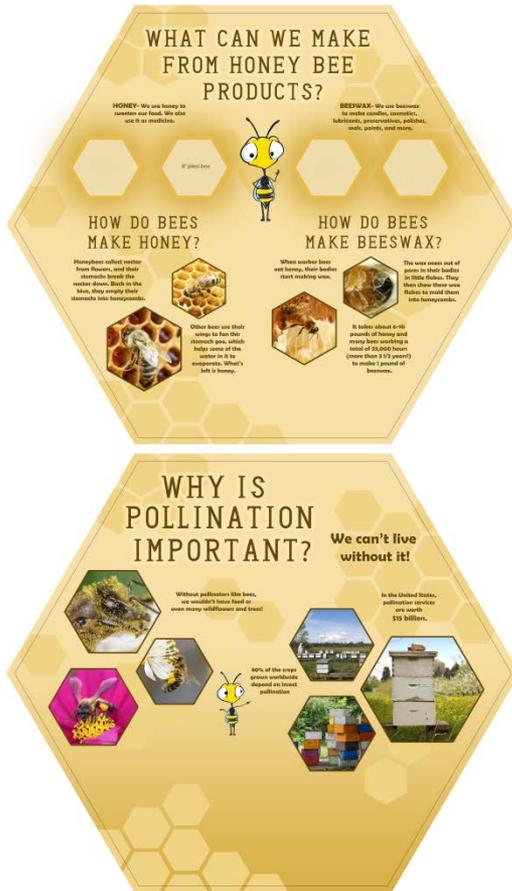
*Pollinators need us*

- Current programming includes visiting pollinators in gardens and at the observation bee hive.
- The Center hosts changing exhibits to encourage visits and provide new topics of programs and conversations.
- There is critical need to support pollinators with appropriate habitat, and the Center shows visitors how.



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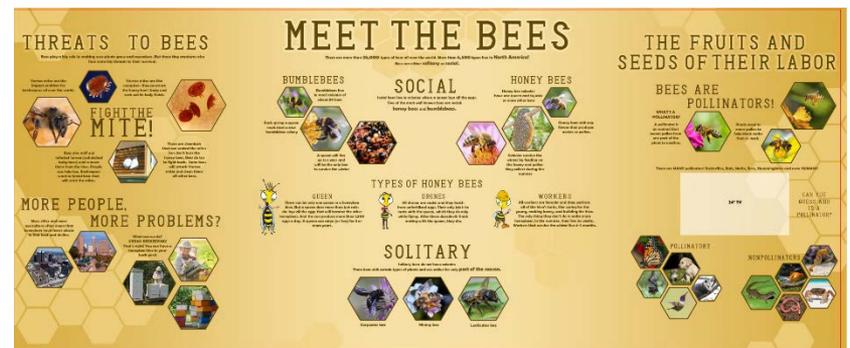
- Purdue University Exhibit Design Center fabricated the exhibit
- 500 sq. ft.
- Supports existing programming and exhibit
- To be housed at the Visitor Pavilion
- Currently in Houston, Texas
- Discounted transportation due to date of reservation
- Arriving in Austin January 16, 2016
- Departing from Austin May 8, 2016
- Rental cost \$6,500; transportation \$500

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Recent traveling exhibit rentals:

- *Robot Zoo*, September 2014 – January 2015;  
2,000 sq. ft. exhibit, (discounted 300%), 2 special events and  
1 week Home School programs
- *Conservation Quest*, September 2013– January 2014;  
funded by Austin Community Foundation, 3 special events  
and visited by all Title 1 Austin ISD 5<sup>th</sup> graders



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### Use and Evaluation

- Special Events feature
- Home School focus
- Track info requests
- Gather facility, event and program surveys



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**Exhibit at Austin Nature & Science Center**

## **Committee Action**

Make a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Board regarding authorization to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with Purdue University for the rental of the traveling exhibit for the Austin Nature & Science Center