

Discussion on the Urban Bee Colonies



Yours Truly

Pros

- Increase the Bee population.
- Pollination purposes for gardens, fruit trees, flowers.
- Bees are a very important part of the food chain.
- Can harvest the honey for food use.
- Honey Bees are considered to be non-aggressive unless provoked.

Cons

- Stings- Allergic reactions. Journal of Asthma and Allergy – 5 to 7.5 percent of people will experience a severe allergic reaction to insect stings in their lifetime.
- Several studies show that Honeybees can be very harmful to the native species already in place by competing for resources.
- Bees have a wide range. Will fly many miles to pollinate plants.
- Neighbor complaints/concerns.
- Cost of starting a hive- cost of the hive, bees and possibly a fence or fly over.

Current LS Regulations

- 400' buffer from residents
- Only allowed in agricultural areas

Standards to Consider

- Hive to property line buffer
- Hive to nearby residences buffer
- Flyways
- Water sources
- Hive densities
- Maintenance