



**DPR Urban Beekeeping Program Application**

The DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) supports urban beekeeping in an effort to increase the bee population in the District. At present, the agency has seven designated beehive sites with the capacity to safely and responsibly host beehives.

In order to ensure the safety of each hive and to ensure the proper management of hives, each designated beehive site is managed by DPR partner and non-profit organization, DC Beekeeper Alliance. The DC Beekeeper Alliance is comprised of leading urban beekeeping experts dedicated to ensuring DC beekeepers have the necessary education, mentorship, assistance, and support to safely and responsibly care for beehives.

**Requirements:**

To apply, an individual must (1) be a resident of the District of Columbia and (2) obtain a certificate of completion from a beekeeping course (a minimum of 12 hours). For a list of beekeeping courses, please visit: <http://www.dcbeekeepers.org/annual-beekeeping-short-course>. Program participants must also have a local mentor; one will be provided if you do not have one. Completed applications should be returned to: [DPRBeekeepers@dc.gov](mailto:DPRBeekeepers@dc.gov).

**Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

**List all Beekeeping training you have received:**

(Please *attach* all certificates of completion for each training listed)

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**Provide the name and contact information for your local Beekeeper Mentor if you have one:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please Note:

1. Space is very limited.
2. If space is available, an offer to participate in DPR's Urban Beekeeper Program will be extended to qualifying applicants on a first come, first serve basis. A list of locations with available space will be provided to choose from.
3. If space is unavailable, qualifying applicants will be placed on a waiting list and notified, on a first come, first serve basis, when space becomes available.
4. Program participants must:
  - a. Sign a DPR Urban Beekeeper Program Agreement and Waiver;
  - b. Show proof of District residency;
  - c. Register colonies with [DOEE](#), including a \$10 per-apiary fee;
  - d. Obtain applicable permits before moving bees, combs, woodenware, or anything that has contained brood into DC;
  - e. Work with DC Beekeeper Alliance to install a hive at the designated spot.
  - f. Pair and meet with a beekeeping mentor; one will be provided if necessary;
  - g. Keep bees on movable frames (Langstroth, TBH, or Warré);
  - h. Participate in at least one outreach event every twelve (12) months;
  - i. Test for mites at least twice a year and provide DPR with the results of tests; and
  - j. Follow all current and future DPR Beekeeping policies.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_