

Statement of Problem:

Create a facility that blends research and care for the environment by creating a forward thinking model of public education in agriculture business.

Project Description:

Bayer AG, a global chemical and pharmaceutical enterprise, selected an architect, as part of a design build team, to deliver a collaborative space for scientific research and community engagement to advance bee science. Located in Research Triangle Park, N.C., the 5,300 square feet North American Bee Care Center is a forward-thinking facility that blends scientific research and public education of the agricultural business, a first of its kind in North America.

This innovative, interactive center allows visitors to participate in hands-on learning and live demonstrations held in the extensive workshop and laboratory viewing area or at the exterior Hive Observation area. Research labs allow full-time scientists and student researchers to explore bee diseases and pests while the public can access data using interactive equipment and videos for additional education. A two-acre bee garden surrounds the facility and supports flowering plants to extend the outdoor learning environment for professionals and the public over all four seasons.

As a certified USGBC LEED Silver certified facility, the North American Bayer Bee Care Center encompasses all that it means to build green, teach green and live green.