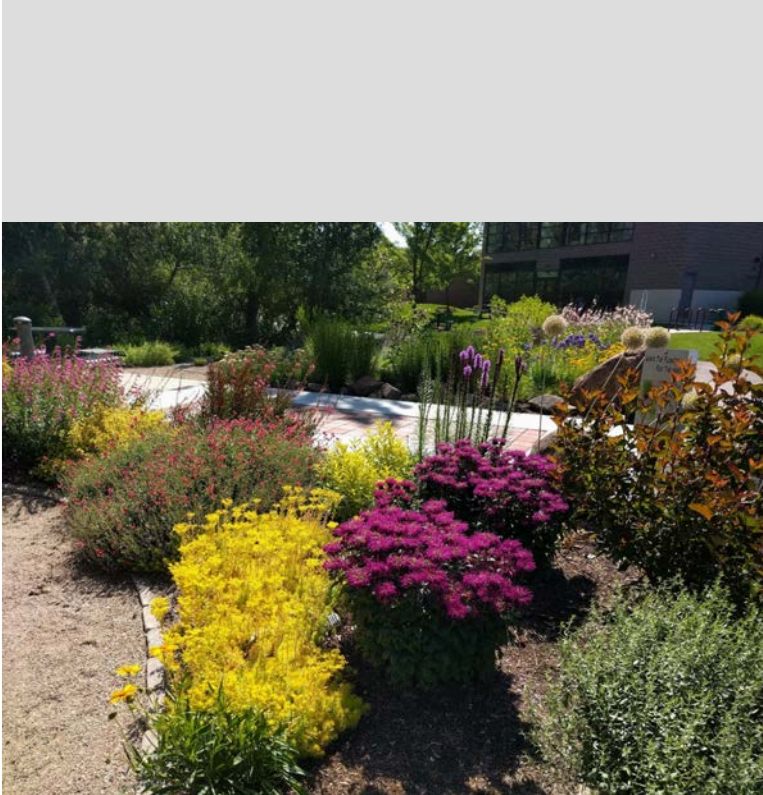


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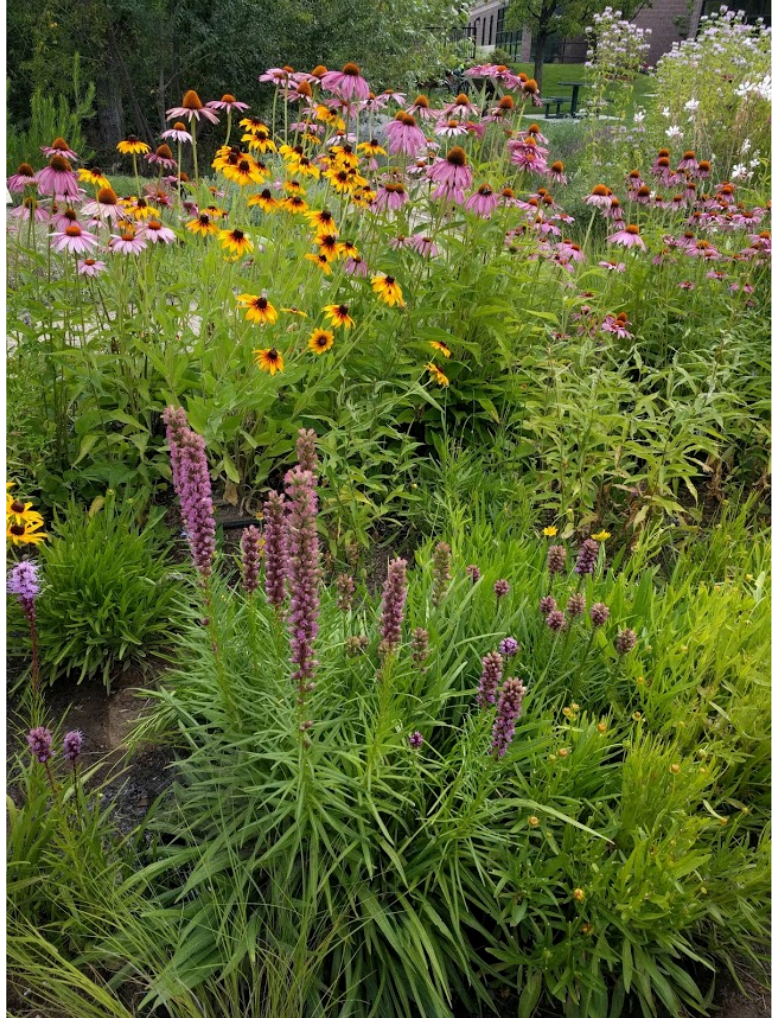
Report on 2020

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

The Boise Watershed added a native plant/pollinator habitat area to their site. The Meridian Co-op Garden (a community vegetable garden) added pollinator-friendly plants using our pollinator habitat as a guide. I believe there were many more pollinator-friendly plants added in our area, but don't know how to track that.



Garden City Pollinator Habitat, July 1, 2020



Pollinator habitat bed with echinacea, rudbeckia, blazing star and gaura



Education & Outreach

We were able to hold 2 of our Bee City USA Speaker Series lectures. “Beneficial Insects and your Garden”, and “Native Plants for Pollinators” before the shutdown, with 80 – 100 guests each. Our committee also hosted a Pollinator Celebration at a local nursery during National Pollinator Week. Sadly, it was very poorly attended. Idaho Botanical Garden offered 2 different classes about pollinators. I gave a presentation to a local garden club about our native pollinators. The Idaho Community Trees newsletter contained a nice article titled “Be a Bee City!”. Over 800 books, published by our committee, titled “100 Treasure Valley Pollinator Plants” were sold.



Pollinator Celebration booth with committee members



Educational material at Pollinator Celebration booth

You are invited! 

**Bee City USA - Garden City
2020 Speaker Series**

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 6:15 pm
Topic: Beneficial Insects & the Home Garden; a BEE-utiful Friendship
Speaker: Arel Agemroad, Area Extension Educator, Community Food Systems and Small Farms. Our new "100 Plants" book will be for sale.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 6:15 pm
Topic: Native Plants for Pollinators
Speaker: Ann Delbott, Botanist, Native Plant Expert. Ann has taught native plant landscaping classes for the College of Western Idaho and Boise State University Horticulture Programs.

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 6:15 pm
Topic: Honey and Bees 101
Speaker: Judy Snow, Bee City USA Pollenteers, plus expert beekeeper panelists to answer your questions. Honey will be for sale.

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 6:15 pm
Topic: The Bees in Your Backyard
Speaker: Joe Wilson, Professor of Biology and author of the book "The Bees in Your Backyard: A Guide to North America's Bees." He has been invited to share his knowledge about bees on NPR, Canada Public Radio, and at speaking events across the country. Don't miss this dynamic speaker! Get your autographed book tonight.

**All presentations will be in the Community Room at the Garden City Hall
6015 N. Glenwood St., Garden City
Sponsored by the Garden City Library
Refreshments will be served**

2020 Speaker Series flyer

Policies & Practices

The City of Garden City has not adopted any IPM practices or policy, except to avoid pesticide use in and near the pollinator habitat.

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:



Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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