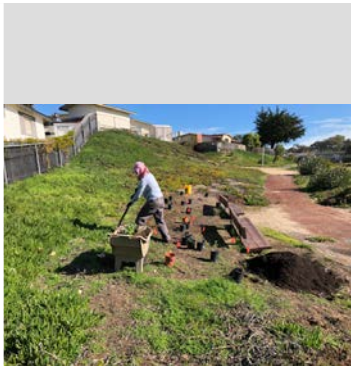


Bee City USA - Seaside

Report on 2020

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

Sustainable Seaside, a community-based non-profit partner, hosted an educational event (which included habitat enhancement) at the community park planting site stewarded by their volunteers on January 25, 2020. Seventeen people attended this event, including neighbors whose houses line the park, members from other stewardship teams, and supporting friends of all ages. Stewards from all planting sites hosted multiple, ongoing maintenance events to enhance and expand plantings after the initial establishment. Particularly during 2020, these events were limited to core groups of volunteers due to the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, and were not widely advertised to the public. Stewards were not asked to track all such events, but a reasonable estimate would be that each planting site was visited for maintenance and enhancement by at least 2 volunteers 2-3 times per month, on average. Through support from this initiative, pollinator plantings were created (and further enhanced) in 7 public parks and at two school grounds from Dec 2019 through Feb 2021.



One of seven beds established at Lincoln-Cunningham Park in January 25, 2020



Establishing a new planting on June 12, 2020.



Seed was collected in November 2020 from aster and goldenrod at well-established planting sites to create new starts for planting in 2021.

Education & Outreach

The first planting sites were established in December 2019 as widely advertised events, inviting the public to engage directly with the project and learn about the plight of pollinators. Establishment and enhancement activities have continued since then, always taking advantage of the opportunity to discuss the project purpose with members of the public passing by, as most sites are established in public parks. In 2020, pandemic-related protocols prevented us from



organizing large community volunteer days, but city staff and commissioners were invited to multiple (a dozen or more) maintenance events at the pollinator planting sites throughout the year. As an example at one planting site: The stewardship team from Sustainable Seaside performed nine watering work days with teams of 2 - 12 volunteers utilizing the watering trailer provided by the City of Seaside. In addition, this stewardship team met for three weed-and-mulch events with teams of 4 - 12 people from February 2020 to February 2021. Other planting sites held similar events at least quarterly, engaging small groups of volunteers for ongoing habitat maintenance and learning opportunities.



Bark chips on each planting area keeps the weeds down in the pollinator garden.
Photo by Sustainable Seaside.



All hands on deck to move water hose from plant to plant in the giant park! Photo by Sustainable Seaside.

Policies & Practices

The City of Seaside stopped using pesticides in parks more than a decade ago. Additionally, all of the newly created habitats are maintained without the use of pesticides. Many work days included manual methods for weed management.

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List: [Form Based Code.pdf](#)

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5c64a6c2e4afe971f7f78c12/t/60217f2a5e1b3f7778d0a044/1612807985574/2021.02.08 RANA Availability Full List wprices.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5c64a6c2e4afe971f7f78c12/t/60217f2a5e1b3f7778d0a044/1612807985574/2021.02.08+RANA+Availability+Full+List+wprices.pdf)



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