

# Bee City USA - Carson City

Report on 2022

## Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

Four pollinator garden planting events were held in conjunction with Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department in the fall to install two pollinator gardens on Carson City Open Space property. This project, in partnership with the Institute for Applied Ecology and the Sagebrush in Prisons Project aimed to grow pollinator friendly native plants for use in establishing pollinator gardens throughout the river corridor. The inmates grew over 1,000 individual seedlings including: milkweed, penstemon, tansy aster and others. In the fall of 2022, staff worked with school groups and community members to plant the plants in several garden locations throughout the river corridor, including Carson River Park near the fishing pier and along the Buzzy's Ranch Trail. Volunteers consisted of members of the Boys and Girls Club, elementary students working with the group River Wranglers, and community members interested in restoration. Future phases of this project will include interpretive signage about pollinator conservation and potentially a Bee Hotel.

*How many habitat projects did you help to create or enhance last year?*

2

*How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?*

175

*How many volunteers helped with those projects?*

108

*Please check all that describe the habitats your affiliate helped to create or enhance last year with pollinator benefit in mind.*

- Flower garden
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species



Elementary students help plant pollinator plants



Boys and Girls club kids assist with pollinator garden planting



River Wonders staff plant a native pollinator plant

## Education & Outreach

2022 was an exciting year with several education and outreach events held throughout the Carson City community. The following events were hosted by the Bee City USA #76 Committee in celebration of Pollinator Month: 2nd Annual Pollinator Parade, Summer STEM program for elementary children focusing on botany and pollinator habitat and Carson City Chamber of Commerce Celebration at the Foothill Pollinator Garden and Bee Hotel site celebrating the enhancements and pollinator conservation efforts at this location. Additionally, Carson Water Subconservancy District produced the following video in conjunction with their Watershed Moments public education campaign:

<https://youtu.be/ZOLxCx6PF-w>

*How many pollinator-related events did your affiliate host or help with last year (in total)?*

3

*How many people attended those events (in total)?*

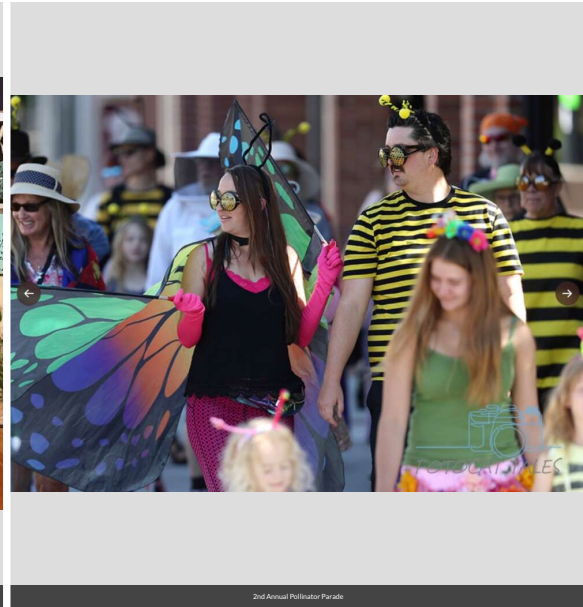
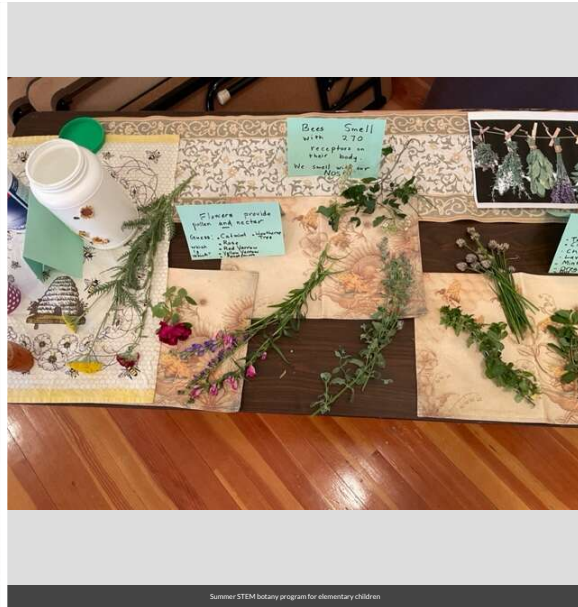
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*How many Bee City USA logo street signs have you installed to date (in total)?*

1

*Did your city council/county commission (highest elected body) issue a proclamation for National Pollinator Week last summer?  
Please note: this is now an optional activity.*

- Yes



## Policies & Practices

Carson City continued to implement the tenets of the Carson City Integrated Pest Management Plan to reduce use of herbicides at appropriate locations. Additionally, Carson City worked with project partners to continue avoiding pesticide use at sensitive pollinator habitat sites.

*What actions have you taken to make pest management practices more pollinator-friendly?*

- Implemented or maintained a written IPM plan
- Avoided use of pesticides in public sites containing designated pollinator habitat or other sensitive features (except when targeted use is deemed the best option for invasive or noxious weed, insect or disease management)

*Are efforts underway in your community to further reduce pesticide use in residential or business areas? This may include neighborhood-led efforts, outreach to landscapers, etc. If so, please describe.*

**No work is being pursued toward this objective at this time.**

*In your city or campus, are any policy initiatives underway to further protect pollinators, people or waterways from pesticides?*

No specific change in City policies or municipal codes are being pursued at this time.

*Please describe actions by your affiliate to attend training on ecologically-based Integrated Pest Management and/or to review IPM plans and programs considered of high quality by Bee City USA?*

Open Space staff who oversee the Bee City USA #76 committee take annual trainings to obtain continuing education credits regarding pesticide use, safety, integrated pest management, restoration and more. Staff would welcome further opportunities through Bee City USA or the Xerces society regarding additional training opportunities.

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [Carson City Integrated Pest Management Plan.pdf](#)

Recommended Native Plant List: [Pollinator Friendly Plant List.xlsx](#)

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

<http://carson.org/beecityusa>



Carson City Mayor, Board of Supervisors, Bee City #76 Committee and others celebrating our Pollinator Month Proclamation.

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