

Bee City USA - Fort Bragg

Report on 2022



Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

We held monthly (11 months) garden maintenance events at the Fort Bragg Bee City Garden, attended by 5-10 persons each. We also held four (4) work sessions including new plantings at Silver Gate Native Plant Preserve, which we built in 2018 with the help of MacKerricker State Park; each was attended by 5-8 volunteers. We held five (5) planting work sessions at Redwood Elementary School where we built a Butterfly Garden and donated books and helped develop concepts for classroom work on butterflies and other pollinators. Work sessions drew typically 8-10 volunteers and two included students, teachers and administrators (50 ea. session). We award an annual Fort Bragg Bee City Garden of the Year Award to encourage all home gardeners to be pollinator gardeners. We provided volunteers to plant and maintain native flowering plants at the South Lincoln Street Community Garden of the FB Garden Friendly Community.

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

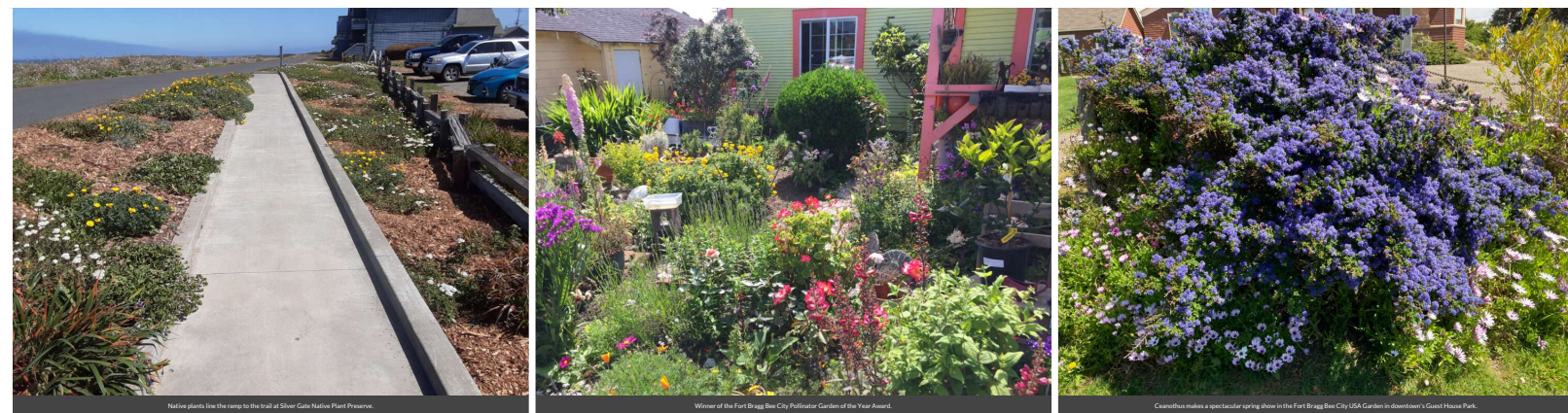
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How many volunteers helped with those projects?

200

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

- Flower garden
- Vegetable garden
- Orchard
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- School garden
- Other



Education & Outreach

We hosted six (6) educational presentations at the Education Center of Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, with up to 25-35 attendees each. The initial lecture introduced our new brochure "Start Your Native Plant Garden This Fall." We hosted a Native Garden Tour attended by 15. We held 11 monthly garden maintenance events at the Fort Bragg Bee City Garden, attended by 5-10 persons each. We also held four (4) work sessions including new plantings at Silver Gate Native Plant Preserve, which we built in 2018 with the help of MacKerricker State Park; each was attended by 5-8 volunteers. We hosted recruitment tables at Farmers Markets three (3) times. We held five (5) planting work sessions at Redwood Elementary School where we built a Butterfly Garden still in process and we are donating books and helping to develop concepts for classroom work on butterflies and other pollinators. Work sessions drew typically 5-10 volunteers and two sessions included students, teachers and administrators (approx. 50 ea.). We participated in May Pollinator Day produced by Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens attended by approx. 400 people. We had a booth at the opening of the South Lincoln Street Community Garden of the FB Garden Friendly Community, attended by 125.

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

30

How many people attended those events (in total)?

500

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

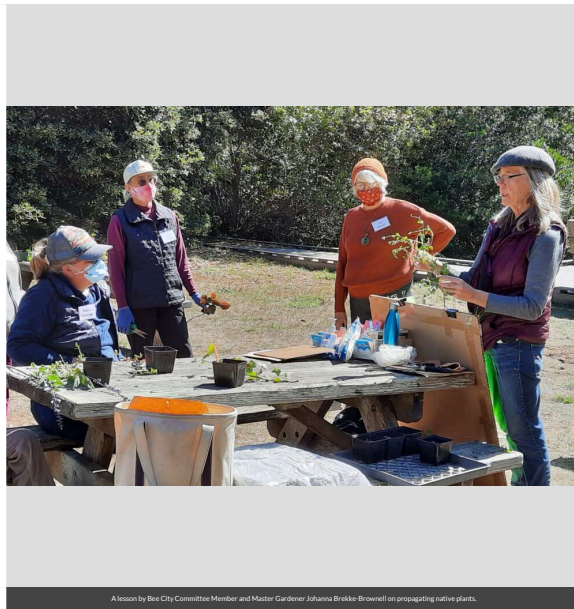
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*Did your city council/county commission (highest elected body) issue a proclamation for National Pollinator Week last summer?
Please note: this is now an optional activity.*

- Yes



A Garden Tour attended by 16 visited a native Mixed Evergreen Forest Garden in September 2022.



A lesson by Bee City Committee Member and Master Gardener Johanna Bröske-Brownell on propagating native plants.



Herbalist Maggie Barrett presented six multi-use herbs valuable to pollinators that thrive locally.

Policies & Practices

Both the City and the School District have IPM policies.

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)
- Eliminated pesticide uses that are solely to maintain aesthetics on city or campus grounds
- Restricted pesticides used to organic pesticides on city or campus grounds
- Eliminated use of neonicotinoid insecticides on city or campus grounds
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds that were not treated with neonicotinoids
- Encouraged developers and private landscapers to source plants using “Buying Bee-Safe Plants” methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants>)
- Encouraged developers and private landscapers to source plants that were not treated with neonicotinoids

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.

Several other organizations work with us to encourage and teach gardening without pesticides, including the FB Garden Club, the Garden Friendly Community Committee and Noyo Food Forest.

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

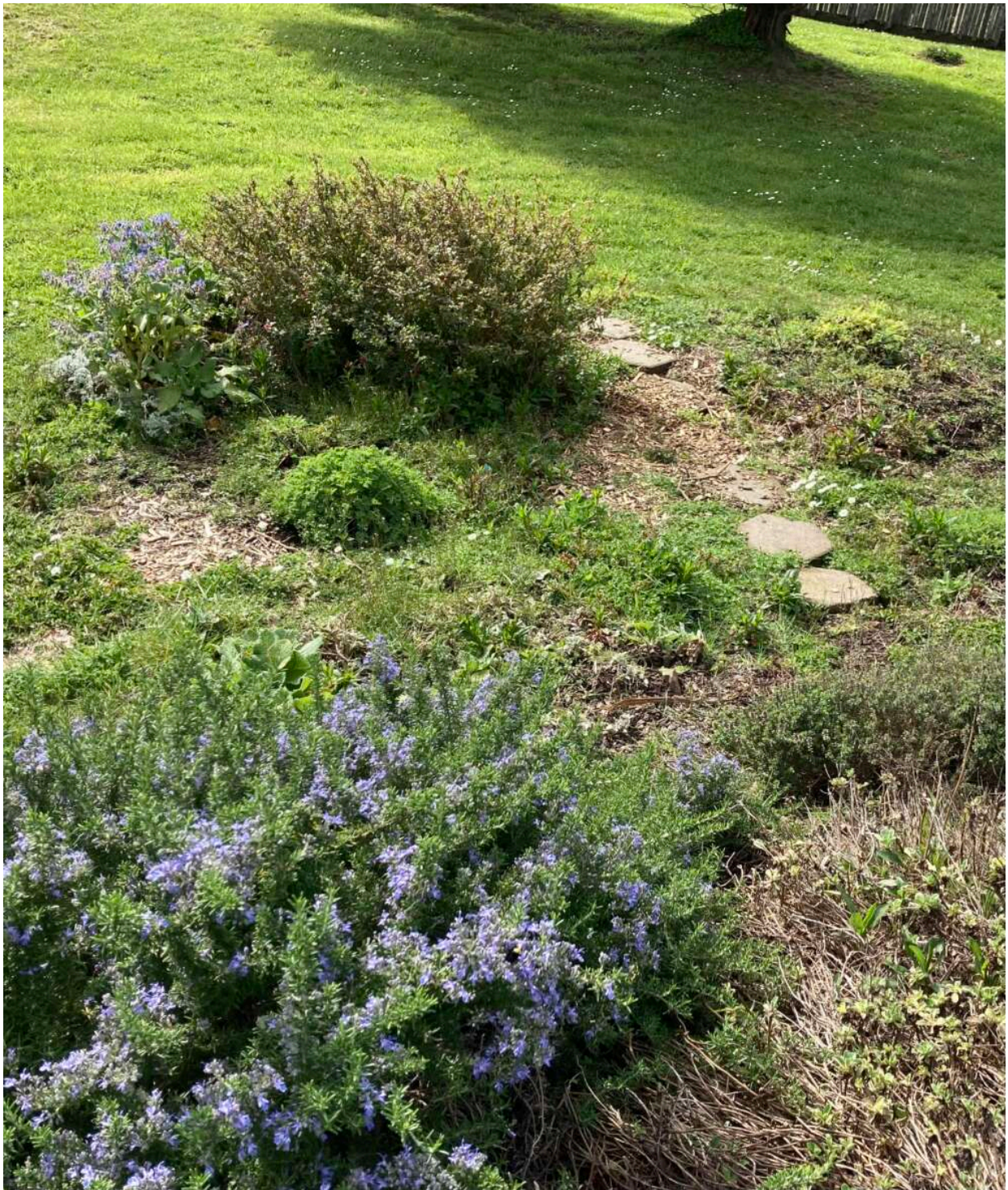
Please describe actions by your affiliate to attend training on ecologically-based Integrated Pest Management and/or to review IPM plans and programs considered of high quality by Bee City USA?

One of our committee members is IPM certified. We have a class scheduled on IPM for home gardeners this coming fall. We published a new brochure "Start Your Native Garden This Fall" recommending IPM for all home gardeners and providing key information for pest management success.

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:



No pesticides are used in any City Gardens or landscaping, including lawns.

Learn More

<http://FBGardenclub.com>

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Committee Members (L. to r.): Donna Worster, Cornelia Reynolds, Tina DeLucchi, Peggy Martin; Missing: Lindy Peters, Johanna Brekke Brownell, Kay Rex