

Bee City USA - Puyallup

Report on 2022



Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

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

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

How many volunteers helped with those projects?

11

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

- Flower garden
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting



Brown Community Garden located in Puyallup



Silver Creek Restoration - volunteers on site

Education & Outreach

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approximately 100 visitors total. The Bee City Committee has currently partnered with the Pierce Conservation District and Master Gardeners to redesign our City Hall south plaza to incorporate more pollinator plantings. These plantings will be a mix of plants and flowers that will be easily maintained by our Parks and Recreation staff, be pleasant for visitors and sustain our pollinators. The design phase began in October 2022 and the install is esimated to be completed in 2023. The City also provided social media engagement by including multiple articles on how to care for our pollinators here in the PNW on our various social media channels. We had a featured article on what it means for Puyallup to be a Bee City in our monthly city e-newsletter, with approximately 1,800 subscribers.

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

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How many people attended those events (in total)?

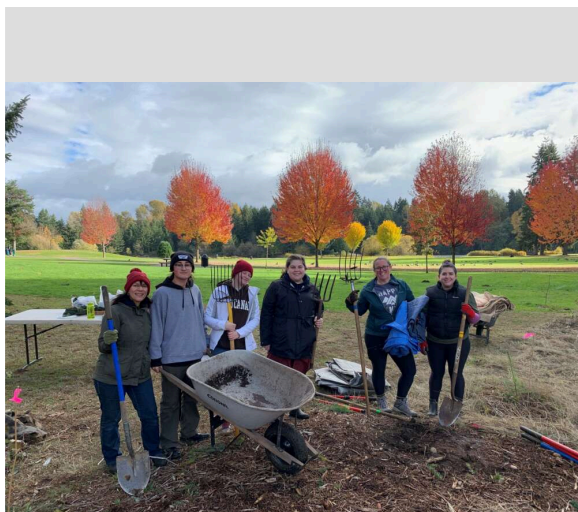
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How many Bee City USA logo street signs have you installed to date (in total)?

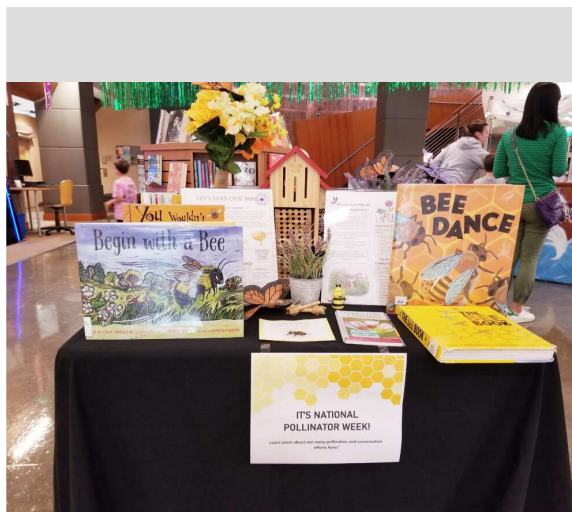
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*Did your city council/county commission (highest elected body) issue a proclamation for National Pollinator Week last summer?
Please note: this is now an optional activity.*

- No



April 2022 - Silver Creek Restoration event volunteers



June 2022 - National Pollinator Week library display



June 2022 - Daycamp for kids / Bee Week craft

Policies & Practices

Beginning in 2020 and continuing through 2022, The City eliminated use of insecticidal soaps in our downtown hangingflower baskets, the only place that pesticides were still in use as needed prior to 2020, for aphids and whitefly control. Currently, the City uses a systemic system during watering to apply Neem Oil directly into the soil to protect against unwanted insects in the baskets. This is done once or twice a year, as needed. Non-chemical pest protection is used throughout the City, depending on site needs. On the City's Bee City page (www.cityofpuyallup.org/1178/Bee-City), we offer a variety of resources that provide ways residents can reduce the presence of pests in their gardens, using non-chemical means.

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.

Not at this time.

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

Not 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?

The Bee City committee is currently working with our Facilities team to put together the City's first full integrated pest management plan. The facilities team is responsible for the care of a majority of the City's plants.

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

Learn More

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