

Bee City USA - City of Woodland

Report on 2022



Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

• **Community Rain Garden Demonstration Project at Crawford Park:** The City of Woodland constructed a rain garden at the northeast corner of Crawford Park at 1733 College Street, adjacent to the sidewalk along El Dorado Drive. The rain garden diverts stormwater from El Dorado Drive into a retention swale and includes a drought-tolerant demonstration garden and shaded seating area. Landscaping includes native, drought-tolerant, and pollinator-friendly plants suitable for sun and shade, as well as wet and dry conditions. The rain garden integrates “green infrastructure” into the park, demonstrating how small-scale green infrastructure projects can work even in residential yards, and provide a venue for ongoing education about green infrastructure and sustainable gardening. Early inspiration for the Community Demonstration Rain Garden was based on a concept design by California Student Leadership in Green Infrastructure at UC Davis. Although this project did not officially involve the Bee City USA Committee, its objectives align with the Bee City USA mission. The project was developed through a partnership between the City of Woodland and the Local Government Commission, which provided partial funding through a Great Urban Parks Campaign grant from the National Recreation and Park Association.

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?

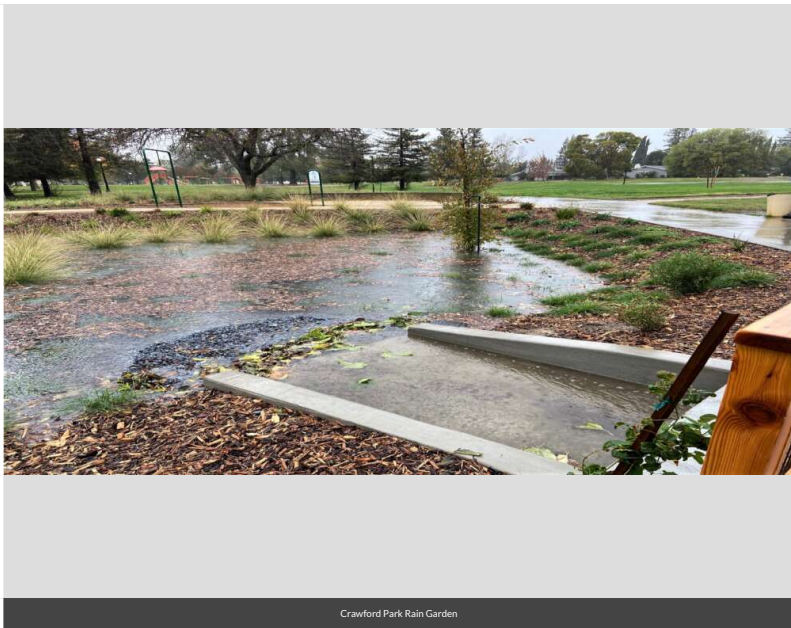
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How many volunteers helped with those projects?

12

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
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Rain garden/bioswale



Crawford Park Rain Garden



"Celebrate Woodland" planter with freshly planted pollinator plants alongside ballet folklorico dancers

Education & Outreach

- May 2022: California Honey Festival: The annual California Honey Festival attracts tens of thousands of participants to the heart of Downtown Woodland. Honey, craft, and food vendors line the streets, providing a lively shopping opportunity for visitors. An 8'x8' commissioned wood art installation with vibrantly painted honeybees, monarchs, and several pollinator-friendly plants was installed as an ideal photo spot for participants in the middle of the vendor zone. Thanks to the involvement of UC Davis' Honey and Pollination Center, educational demonstrations and presentations on various honey and pollination-related topics were given throughout the day. A kid zone, complete with a reading nook and a puppeteer, interactively covered topics about honey and pollination to youth participants. Furthermore, two tours of Woodland City Hall's pollinator demonstration garden were given, with the objective of inspiring participants to make their own gardens more drought resistant and friendly to local pollinators. As the City Hall pollinator demonstration garden used to be turf, a tutorial was also given on how to sheet mulch. Lastly, a 30-mile "Honey Bike Ride" was organized in collaboration with a local cycling team during the Festival. Over 100 cyclists participated in the ride, the majority of them dressed up in bee-inspired costumes. The Bee City USA Committee was involved in several educational aspects of the Festival.
- June 2022 Virtual Water-Wise Landscape Workshop: Hosted by the City's Environmental Services and led by community plant experts, the annual Water-Wise Landscape Tour was held for the 10th year in a row, and due to the pandemic, was held virtually for the 3rd year in a row. The goal for these workshops, which ran from June 6-12, 2022, was to encourage community members to make the switch from turf to a water wise yard that is drought tolerant and pollinator friendly. Participants were able to access water wise and pollinator friendly plant lists curated by local experts, hear from homeowners who made presentations on their own water wise and pollinator-friendly garden projects, ask questions to the local plant experts, see video tours and gain access to a variety of digital resources on how to create a

water wise landscape. 790 website visits were documented during the 2022 tour, versus over 400 the year prior. Many participants provided feedback indicating that they would recommend this event to others. • September 2022: Pollination-themed post series: As fall is considered as one of the best times to plant thanks to cooler weather, the City made ten social media posts on a variety of water wise plants, how they could be used in residents' gardens, and which pollinators they nourish.

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)?

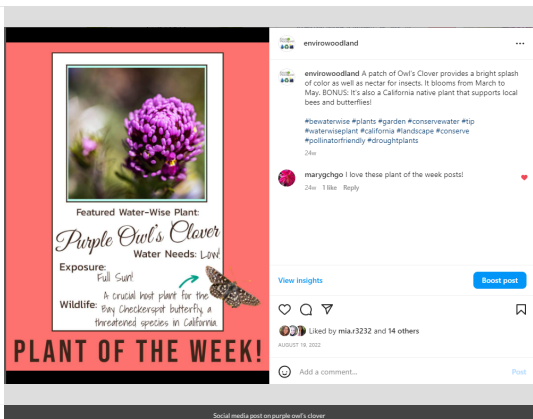
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How many Bee City USA logo street signs have you installed to date (in total)?

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

In 2020, City Hall's front lawn was transformed to the City Hall Pollinator Demonstration Garden. This was accomplished through sheet mulching over a six-month period, rather than using pesticides to quickly remove the turf. This long process continues to serve as an educational opportunity for community members to see how to transform a garden without the use of chemicals.

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

- Reduced the total area of city or campus-managed lands to which pesticides are applied
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds 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.

The City's Annual Water-Wise Landscape Workshop and Tour serves as an annual interactive event for residents to participate in to learn about reducing pesticide use, adopting pollinator-friendly plants within their gardens, as well as tips and tricks on drip irrigation.

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?

None at this time.

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

Recommended Native Plant List:

<https://www.cityofwoodland.org/872/Landscape>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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Learn More

<https://www.cityofwoodland.org/1098/Bee-City-USA>

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