

# Bee City USA - City of Englewood

Report on 2023



## Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

*Please describe pollinator habitat creation or enhancement projects in your community in 2023, and whether your committee hosted them or not.*

**Planting native plant areas at Broken Tee Golf Course adjacent to fairways. These areas replace maintained golf course turf and provide a diverse ecosystem of plants. Coordinated by committee.**

*How many habitat projects did you help to create or enhance in 2023?*

2

*How many people (staff, volunteers, students, partners, etc.) helped with those projects?*

15

*How many projects benefit monarchs, milkweed, or nectar plantings?*

2

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

1000

*Please check all that describe the habitats your affiliate helped to create or enhance in 2023 with pollinator benefit in mind.*

- Flower garden
- Vegetable garden
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species
- Meadow
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting

## Education & Outreach

*Please describe pollinator conservation events or outreach activities in your community in 2023, indicating whether your committee hosted them or not.*

**Weed and Learn at Depot Prairie Garden with Bishop Elementary. Students helped weed in the garden and learn about native plant and pollinator gardening. Committee hosted. Seed Collection at Depot Praire Garden. The Wild Ones Front Range Chapter collected native plant seeds from the garden to use in seed swap events across the front range. Committee hosted.**

*How many pollinator-related events or outreach activities did you host or help with in 2023 (in total)?*

3

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

50

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

2

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## Policies & Practices

*Please describe actions taken to make pest management more pollinator-friendly.*

**We increased our use of cultural practices that build plant health so that we do not need to control pests with pesticides. This includes proper moisture management, pruning, and soil nutrient enhancement. When pesticide applications were necessary it was done after flowering to reduce pollinator damage.**

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

**Our sustainability plan is working on reducing all sources of chemical pollution in the city.**

*Did your committee participate in any continuing education on ecologically-based Integrated Pest Management planning?*

**No**

*Please check actions you have taken to make pest management practices more pollinator-friendly.*

- **Implemented or maintained a written IPM plan**
- **Only use pesticides as a last resort within the 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)

- Reduced the total area of city or campus-managed lands to which pesticides are applied
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds 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 using “Buying Bee-Safe Plants” methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants>)

*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.*

Yes, as part of our master plan, we are continuing to reduce pesticide use across city-owned property.

*Any lessons learned you would like to share?*

The change from traditional landscape management to one that incorporates native plantings and pollinator areas takes time and patience.

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Learn More

**Integrated Pest Management Plan:**

<https://www.englewoodco.gov/parks-recreation-library-golf/play-englewood-recreation/parks/integrated-pest-management-program/integrated-pest-management-plan-parks-and-golf-division>

**Recommended Native Plant List:** [Suggested-Native-Plants\\_0408.pdf](#)

**Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:**

<https://www.englewoodco.gov>

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