

# Bee City USA - Hillsboro

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.*

The City of Hillsboro hosted four volunteer planting events that help with the creation and enhancement of over 18 acres of pollinator habitat in our natural areas by removing invasive species and planting native plants that provide a nectar-source for pollinators. As part of these events, we had volunteers install over 3,000 native trees and shrubs, collect and spread showy milkweed seed, plant 1,000 large *Asclepias speciosa* plugs, and 5,000 common/great camas bulbs in our meadow habitats.

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

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

352

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

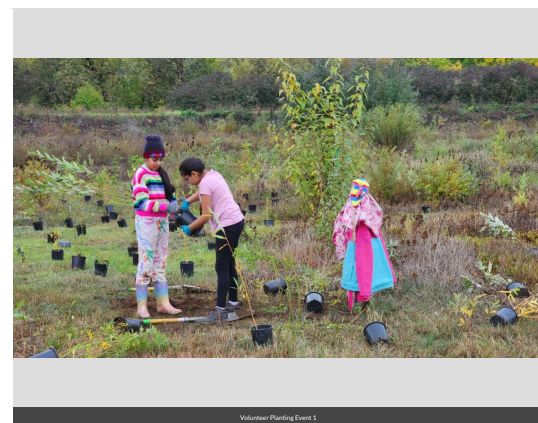
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*How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?*

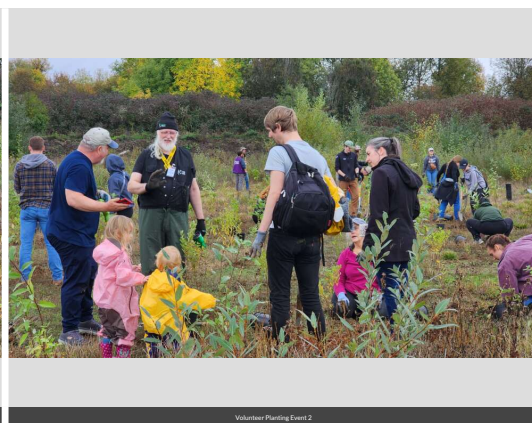
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*Please check all that describe the habitats your affiliate helped to create or enhance in 2023 with pollinator benefit in mind.*

- Flower garden
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species
- Meadow
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting



Volunteer Planting Event 1



Volunteer Planting Event 2



Community Garden Pollinator Planting

## Education & Outreach

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

In 2023, the City of Hillsboro hosted multiple events at Jackson Bottom Wetlands and at community gardens that engaged the public, teaching them about the importance of milkweed and nectar-producing plants. Jackson Bottom Wetlands celebrated our fifth annual "Pollinator and Monarch Week", where staff did outreach, education, and crafts that celebrated all things pollinators, including honey tasting, a live beehive, and so much more. Multiple community garden groups and volunteers worked together to create sustainable, environmentally friendly pollinator habitats within the gardens to attract and feed pollinators, specifically monarch butterflies and bees. Within our community garden, multiple projects occurred specifically to add pollinator habitats, including, 1) The Eagle Scout project at David Hill Community Garden installed pollinator planters that are filled with pollinator-attracting plants. In addition to attracting our much-needed pollinators, they provide some additional beauty around the garden perimeter. 2) City View students also planted sunflower seedlings along a garden wall that have grown throughout the season, providing food for pollinators and birds in the garden. The sunflower wall also serves as a beautiful focal point at the front of the garden. 3) Our new Little Sprouts garden workshop focused on pollinators and the important role they play in our gardens. The program included garden planting at our Orenco garden; garden walks with pollinator observations and pollinator-focused art activities. Additionally, we have our recently replanted pollinator planter across the front of Sunrise, and our Little Scouts just added more pollinator plants to their most recent planting at Sunrise Garden. 4) Bee house installation at David Hill Community Garden by second-grade students from City View Charter School. Students built and worked with Hillsboro Parks & Recreation staff to install mason bee houses on garden fencing. 5) Pollinator garden planting at Orenco Community Garden by second-grade students from City View Charter School. These students planted a garden of annual and perennial pollinator plants. The area provides the plants to attract pollinators and serves as a gathering space for our gardeners. 6) Second-grade students from City View Charter School planted annual and perennial plans as part of a pollinator garden project in the area immediately surrounding the Girl Scouts' mason bee houses and in a raised bed in the same vicinity. This area previously only served to hold amendments but

now helps to attract, feed, and house pollinators and provide some beauty to the garden entrance. Additional educational signage will accompany the space.

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

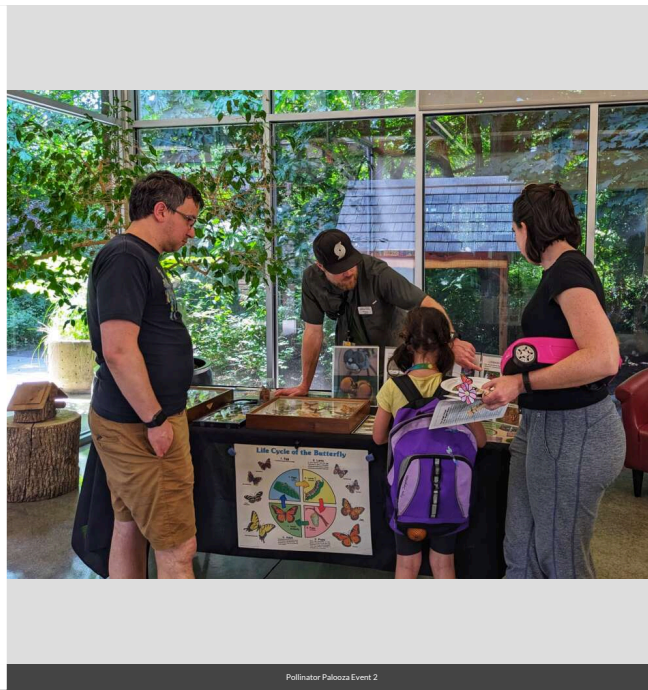
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*How many people attended those events (in total)?*

848

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

2



## Policies & Practices

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

No additional steps have been taken to make pest management more pollinator-friendly, but the City of Hillsboro has created an Environmental Technical Committee that will be looking at how to improve pollinator habitat across the city. Hopefully in the future we can make greater strides in creating and protecting pollinators in public areas.

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

- 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)
  - Sourced plants for city or campus grounds that were not treated with neonicotinoids
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Learn More

**Integrated Pest Management Plan:** [Hillsboro - CWS IPM Plan.pdf](#)

<https://www.cleanwaterservices.org/media/1289/integrated-pest-management-plan.pdf>

**Recommended Native Plant List:**

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/sites/default/files/2018/01/24/native-plants-willamette-valley-yards-booklet.pdf>

**Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:** [Native Plant Nursery or Nurseries - Oregon, OR.pdf](#)

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