

Bee City USA - Moscow

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.

On May 21, 2022, one hundred and fifty (150) pollinator plants were planted as a volunteer project in a partnership between the City of Moscow and the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute by 50 volunteers in the dogleg portion of Harvest Park. The 60,268 square foot area is intended to support the main area of Harvest Park. Harvest Park is intended to be an edible forest. The pollinator plantings on the steep dogleg portion of the park provides habitat for pollinators to benefit the adjacent food forest. A second volunteer project was held on September 23, 2023 in the dogleg of Harvest Park to plant species to support pollinators. 35 volunteers planted sixty-six shrubs to support pollinator species habitat to support the adjacent Harvest Park food forest.

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?

85

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

2

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

60268

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

- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting



Figure 1. May 21, 2022 volunteer project at Harvest Park to promote pollinator habitat.

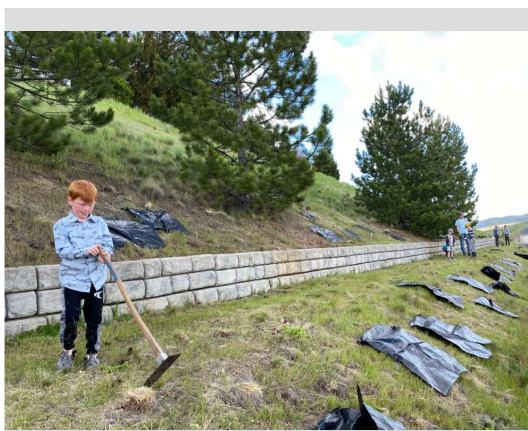


Figure 2. May 21, 2022 volunteer project at Harvest Park engaging youth for the importance of creating pollinator habitat.



Figure 3. September 23, 2023 volunteer project at Harvest Park to promote pollinator habitat.

Education & Outreach

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

Each year, the University of Idaho Latah County Extension Office, the Palouse Environmental Sustainability Coalition, the City of Moscow, Rural Roots, the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute, and the Moscow Food CO+OP host an annual Pollinator Summit to support native pollinators in the Palouse Region. The Summit features multiple speakers presenting on a range of topics regarding pollinators, their habitat, the role of biodiversity and strategies for creating new pollinator habitat on the Palouse. The Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute conducted a photo contest in the later part of 2022 and ended on March 25, 2023 at The Pollinator Expo. Photos showcasing pollinators, including bees, butterflies, birds and bats were submitted. Thirty-three individuals submitted photographs for this contest, and there were over eighty submissions overall. The community was quite excited about this contest, the event that will follow, and the current emphasis on pollinators, with remarks such as “...I love going out in the field with my camera and have been researching insects that pollinate our native flowers that get little to no recognition.”

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)?

430

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

4

SUSTAINABILITY SERIES

Pollinator Photo Contest

September 5th - December 1st

Winner will receive 5 native pollinator plants from the PCEI nursery!

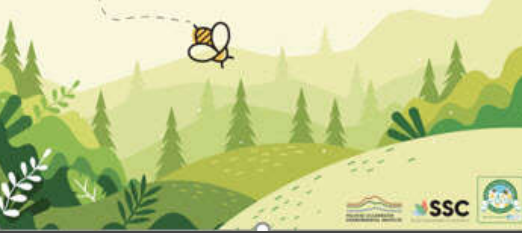


Figure 1. Promotional Material used to advertise the Pollinator Photo Contest



Figure 2. Submission by Vince Murray



Figure 3. Submission by Cameron Hittman



Four street signs were fabricated and installed at each entrance to the City of Moscow.

Policies & Practices

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

The City of Moscow is in the process of developing an edible forest, Harvest Park. Under the management plan for the park, the City heard from community members the desire to have little or no pesticide use in Harvest Park. The Harvest Park Management Plan adopted by Moscow City Council on June 27, 2022 through Resolution 2022-18 reflects this

community driven request. The City of Moscow has also implemented a pesticide free park program. The program designates one park per calendar year to be pesticide free. The park is selected by City of Moscow Parks staff and communicated to Sustainable Environment Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission. The designed park will rotate each year and include a playground. This program gives our community with pesticide sensitivities a park option. The program aligns with the 2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update to reduce pesticides. The City of Moscow has also ceased to using neonicotinoids for aphid control through soil drenching in Downtown trees.

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)
- Implemented non-chemical pest prevention and management methods on city or campus grounds
- Eliminated use of neonicotinoid insecticides on city or campus grounds



THIS IS A PESTICIDE FREE PARK

- DECREASED THE USE OF PESTICIDES
- PROVIDES A PLACE FOR THOSE WHO ARE SENSITIVE TO PESTICIDES
- EACH YEAR A DIFFERENT PARK IS CHOSEN TO BE ENJOYED PESTICIDE FREE

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Figure 1: Pesticide Free Park sign



City of Moscow Bee City USA Subcommittee.

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List: [08.18.23 Pollinator Plant List 2023 FINAL.pdf](#)

<https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/1046/Bee-City-USA%20%20>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [08.18.23 Nursery \(online form\) FINAL.pdf](#)

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