

# Bee City USA - Puyallup

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 areas that we focused on invasive plant removal to enhance habitat then in 2023 the total area across Puyallup that we manually removed invasive on was about 10.3 acres. We focused on pollinator planting at Bradley Lake Park, DMP and SC.

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

2

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

6

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

452680

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

- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species
- Pollinator-friendly lawn (with flowering clover, dandelions...)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting
- Rain garden/bioswale
- Roadside/rights of way planting



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## Education & Outreach

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

In May, the City Puyallup U team invited WSU Master Gardeners to educate staff about pollinators and gardening. Judy covered pollinators – habitat creation and maintenance, plant biodiversity and trees. In June, the communications team posted about National Pollinator week, detailing the City's efforts in the community during that week (19 – 25th), the City hung up our pollinator banner in Pioneer Park, centrally located in our busy community park in our downtown plaza, a pollinator display at our local library (with pollinator books to check out, wildflower seed packets and planting resources), and Farmer's Market booth with resources, flower packets, drawings for pollinator prizes and promoting the City's Bee City designation. In June, the City communications team included an article in our City e-newsletter about the City's Bee City designation; what that means and what types of community events and volunteer opportunities we have each year. The article routed readers to our City's Bee City page:

<https://www.cityofpuyallup.org/1178/Bee-City> Our e-newsletter goes out monthly to 1,800 subscribers and printed quarterly and mailed to City residents. The goal was to reach as many residents as possible via different mediums. During National Pollinator Week, our Recreation Center's Day Camp for children incorporated "Bee Week" into their curriculum. This included planting pollinator wildflower seeds. Campers had fun learning about our pollinators and each received a bee bracelet. On June 23rd, the Bee City committee hosted a booth at our local Farmer's Market, to promote the City's Bee City designation and provide education to community members. The table had various resources to include Best PNW plants for pollinators guide (organized by bees, hummingbirds, butterflies), wildflower

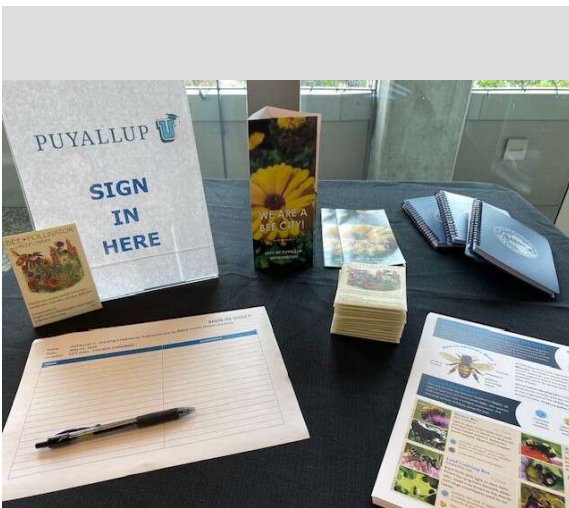
seed packets, bee bracelets and a drawing for a mason bee house. On June 27th, the Bee City committee hosted PNW Pollinators and Conservation to employees and the community, this was held at our local library. The Bee City Committee has partnered with the Pierce Conservation District to create a future pollinator garden at Deadman's Pond. These plantings are 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 June 2023 and the install was completed in December 2023.

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

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

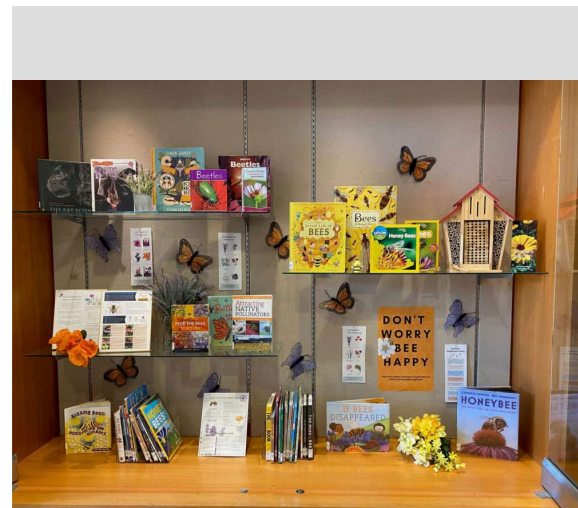
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WSU Master Gardeners Presentation to City of Puyallup Staff / Lunch & Learn



Bee City Committee hosted PNW Pollinators and Conservation our community.



Library display that featured various types of pollinator books, a mason beehive, patrons were encouraged to check out pollinator books and received free wildflower packets and a resource guide for planting.



Bee City USA Street Sign - Meridian & 7th Ave

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## Policies & Practices

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

Pierce Conservation District helps the City with a lot of these types of projects, and they use pesticides and herbicides as a last resort. The primary tools for removal and management focus on manual removal methods. In terms of annual herbicide treatments, they have focused areas of dense knotweed that are sprayed to reduce continued spread. This is largely due to just how invasive knotweed is and that it spreads vegetatively through any remnants left behind from manual removal.

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

The City has partnerships with Pierce Conservations District and WSU Master Gardeners. Pierce Conservation District helps the City with a lot of these types of projects.

*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.*

- 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)
- Implemented non-chemical pest prevention and management methods on city or campus grounds

*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.*

Pierce Conservation District runs an Urban Habitat Program that trains homeowners how to best remove standard grass lawns and replace them with pollinator promoting plant species. This program also gives tools and tips on how to manage pests without using pesticides.

*Any lessons learned you would like to share?*

Partnerships within your community is very important, we partner with Pierce Conservation District and WSU Master Gardeners.



Committee participation during a volunteer work party.

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Learn More

**Integrated Pest Management Plan:**

**Recommended Native Plant List:**

**Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:**

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