

Bee City USA - Sandy

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.

We targeted the city's community garden's as an area we could build habitat. There we installed two different Mason and Leafcutter bee houses and we placed Mason and Leafcutter bee cocoons in both houses. We also installed flower boxes close to the beehouses through money donated by different individuals and businesses. In partnership with our local Sandy Rotary Club, we built raised garden beds close to the location of one of the beehouses to help with the needs of the bees (they need a better/closer source of mud and flowers). In the Fall we also celebrated International Bat Week and we installed a bat house at a local park.

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?

10

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

2000

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
- Herb garden
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Other



In 2023 two bee houses were installed. We held also purchased mason and leafcutter bees for the area. (Photo cred to Amy Lytle)



In 2023 we partnered with the Sandy Rotary Club to make improvements to our community gardens area, which houses the mason and leafcutter bees. They built raised garden beds close to the beehouse to help the Mason bees get access to mud and flowers. (Photo cred to Amy Lytle)

Education & Outreach

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

Our Bee City Action group helps head organizer, Amy Lytle, with everything she does. The Action Group meets 4 times a year to direct Amy's work, discuss our groups activities, innovate, and coordinate events. In 2023, we held multiple outreach events in our local community gardens to teach the public about the bee houses installed there and bees. At the Sandy Library a Master Gardener presented about pollinators. We also had Plant Swap, Earth Day, and Arbor Day events that we tied back to pollinators. We also did a butterfly release for a fundraising marathon in June. We celebrated National Pollinator Week with a large outreach event, called Longest Day Parkway. We showed people how to create their own mason bee houses and raffled off two bee houses during National Pollinator Week. We also celebrated bats as lesser known pollinators during International Bat Week in October and installed a bat house at one of our local parks.

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

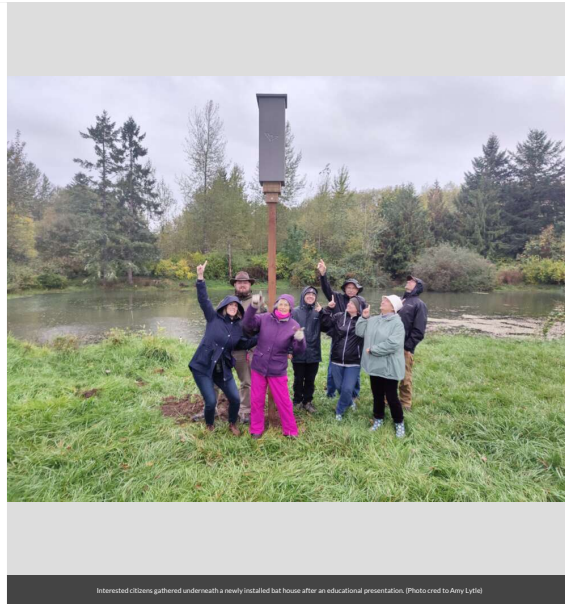
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How many people attended those events (in total)?

500

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

1



Policies & Practices

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

Our IPM plan was created and implemented in 2022. We have not deviated from the 2022 IPM. We regularly have handouts we share to the public at our outreach events discussing the events of pesticides and other chemicals and advocating for alternative management strategies.

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

Not at this time.

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

In previous reports we have discussed the education of Sandy's Parks' facilities team and the development of Sandy's IPM plan.

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)
- 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.

Not at this time.

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

Not at this time.

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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