

# Bee City USA - Seaside

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 committee worked together with volunteers to create 4,000 sf of new habitats were created through the planting of 450 native pollinator plants. The existing habitats of 42,000 sf across 11 city parks were also enhanced and maintained over the past year at the Saturday park work days.

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

11

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

15

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

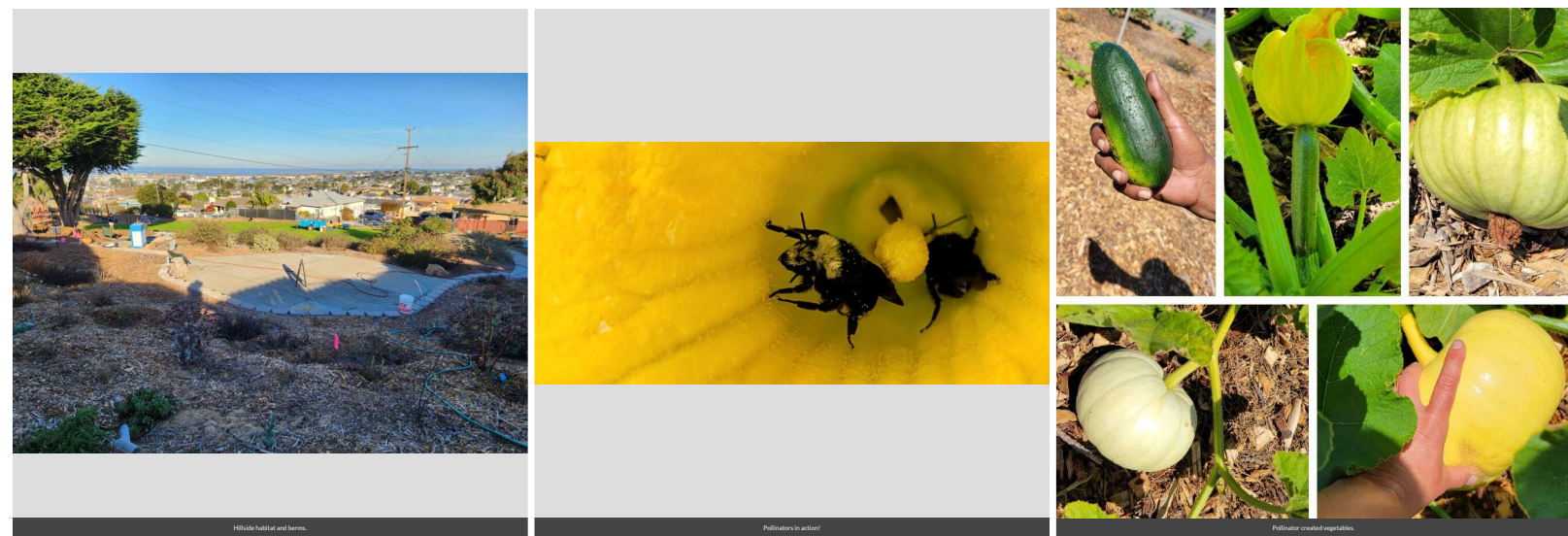
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*How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?*

4000

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

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



## Education & Outreach

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

Every Saturday in Seaside parks, from 10a-12p, volunteers meet to enhance and create new pollinator habitats. Although only 4,000 square feet (sf) of new habitat was created, the volunteer efforts continue to enhance habitats at 11 parks, spanning approximately 46,000 sf. Additionally, approximately 450 new native plants were established in the new habitat areas. On top of the Saturday meet-ups, the collaborations with Blue Zones Project of Monterey County (BZP) have further propelled the successful growth of the native pollinator habitats: •Mar 11th – BZP Community Volunteer Workday at Havana Soliz Park • Ap 24th – BZP helped coordinate a volunteer workdays with CADRE Workforce Development cohort to help food growing efforts at Capra & Havana Soliz Parks (and several other locations in Seaside ) •Jun 24th – BZP Community Volunteer Workday at Lincoln Cunningham Park •Aug 5th – BZP Community Volunteer Workday at Capra Park •Sept 18th – BZP coordinated Stevenson Day of Service at Mescal Neil Park with FOSPA •Oct – Compost delivery coordinated through Monterey County Garden Network for numerous FOSPA parks in Seaside •Dec 9th – BZP Community Volunteer Day at Lincoln Cunningham Park •Dec 16th – Monterey County Garden Network (BZP/RCDMC/FOSPA) Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop at Havana Soliz Park

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

60

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

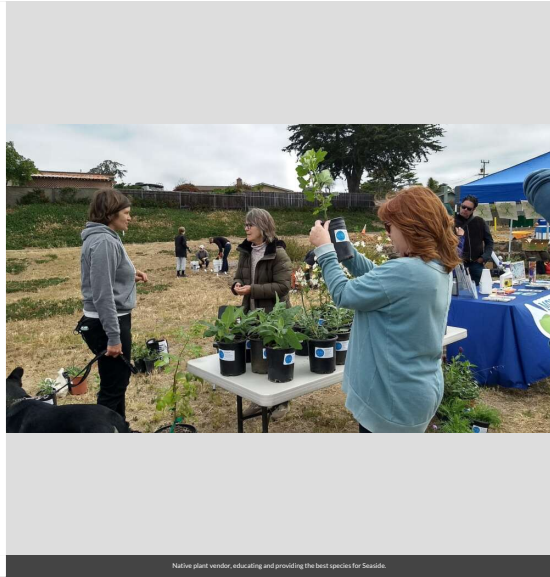
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How many Bee City USA logo street signs have you installed to date (in total)?

2



Native plant seed ball station



Native plant vendor, educating and providing the best species for Seaside.



Learning about pollinators.



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## Policies & Practices

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

**Sprays avoided, routine maintenance and mulching, and all work done by "hand."**

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

**Policies could be included in the city's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan...coming soon!**

*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)
- Eliminated pesticide uses that are solely to maintain aesthetics on city or campus grounds
- Dropped pesticide use altogether on city or campus grounds
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds that were not treated with neonicotinoids
- 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.*

**Talks of a disposal day have taken place, in effect reducing the use and improper disposal of chemicals.**

*Any lessons learned you would like to share?*

**Volunteer power, consistent care, and small actions to impact the larger world.**



FOSPA is a volunteer-led non-profit organization that supports the development and maintenance of parks and open green spaces in the **City of Seaside, California**. Volunteers create habitat for native plants, trees, pollinators, and wildlife, and foster a sense of community and civic pride in the cleanliness, safety, health and beauty of the city parks & neighborhoods.



Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List: [Form Based Code.pdf](#)

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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