

Bee City USA - City of Woodland

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.

- January 2023 Plant labels installed at City Hall Pollinator Garden City staff installed plant labels throughout the Pollinator Garden to assist community members with identifying plants, in hopes of inspiring them to plant native plants in their own gardens
- March 2023 native plant & pollinator planting in Cline Park Local organization, Woodland Tree Foundation and its volunteers, planted calendulas, California poppy, yarrow, lupines, and iris were planted in a landscaping strip in Cline Park. In addition, Bee City USA plant labels were made and installed to help community members identify the plants within the landscaping strip.
- Community Rain Garden Demonstration Project at Crawford Park: The City of Woodland constructed a rain garden at the northeast corner of Crawford Park in 2021-2022 at 1733 College Street, adjacent to the sidewalk along El Dorado Drive. The rain garden diverts stormwater from El Dorado Drive into a retention swale and includes a drought-tolerant demonstration garden and shaded seating area. Landscaping includes native, drought-tolerant, and pollinator-friendly plants suitable for sun and shade, as well as wet and dry conditions. The rain garden integrates “green infrastructure” into the park, demonstrating how small-scale green infrastructure projects can work even in residential yards, and provide a venue for ongoing education about green infrastructure and sustainable gardening. Early inspiration for the Community Demonstration Rain Garden was based on a concept design by California Student Leadership in Green Infrastructure at UC Davis. Although this project did not officially involve the Bee City USA Committee, its objectives align with the Bee City USA mission. The project was developed through a partnership between the City of Woodland and the Local Government Commission, which provided partial funding through a Great Urban Parks Campaign grant from the National Recreation and Park Association. A seasonal City of Woodland intern was hired to help maintain the park via weeding, mulching, and pruning.
- Woodland High School Native Plant Garden This local high school maintains an impressive native plant garden, propagate their own plants, and host routine plant sales.

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

6

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

6

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

7804

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
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Rain garden/bioswale
- School garden



native plant & pollinator planting in Cline Park



Plant labels installed at City Hall's Pollinator Garden

Education & Outreach

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

- **May 2023: California Honey Festival:** The annual California Honey Festival attracts tens of thousands of participants to the heart of Downtown Woodland. Honey, craft, and food vendors line the streets, providing a lively shopping opportunity for visitors. Thanks to the involvement of UC Davis' Honey and Pollination Center, educational demonstrations and presentations on various honey and pollination-related topics were given throughout the day. A kid zone covered topics about honey and pollination to youth participants. The second annual 30-mile "Honey Bike

Ride” was organized in collaboration with a local cycling team during the Festival. Although 100 cyclists registered, only about half participated in the ride because of rainy weather. Regardless, many dressed up in bee costumes to further promote the Festival and to appear as a bee swarm on the road. The Bee City USA Committee was involved in several educational aspects of the Festival. The City gave away marigold seeds to advertise the annual landscape tour, in addition to moisture meters and resources on planting. • May 19, 2023 Beamer Elementary School Third Graders in the Edible Learning Garden Local organization, Woodland’s Dinner on Main, in collaboration with the City and the School District held an event for 75 third graders at City Hall’s Edible Learning Garden. Students participated in a mock city council meeting with Mayor Vicky Fernandez, learned about the history of Woodland, and explored various educational stations at the city’s Edible Learning Garden. There was also a segment on the importance of pollinators and their role in food production. • May 20, 2023 Water-Wise Landscape Tour Hosted by the City’s Environmental Services and led by community plant experts, the annual Water-Wise Landscape Tour was held for the 11th year in a row. Community members were invited to attend the Tour to see examples of converted yards and learn tips and tricks to help make their own landscape more water-wise. The tour featured an array of front and back yards, which were re-designed to reduce water use and fit the homeowners’ lifestyles. In addition, key native and water-wise plants were highlighted to participants. Roughly 100 people participated in the self-guided landscape tour, which included 6 residential homes along with City Hall’s Pollinator Garden. UC Davis Master Gardeners and City Staff were stationed at each location along with homeowners to answer questions. “Before” photos of each garden were shared with participants to showcase each garden’s transformation. • May 20, 2023 Water-Wise Landscape Presentation Project partners, UC Davis Master Gardeners, gave a presentation on the importance of pollinators in water-wise gardens to roughly 40 community members in City Hall’s Council Chambers. In addition, a native and pollinator friendly plant sale was held by Woodland High School. They propagate their own plants and all proceeds went back to their high school. • August 2023: Social media posts As fall is considered as one of the best times to plant thanks to cooler weather, the City made social media posts at the end of the summer, encouraging the community to engage in planting and supporting the local bee population. In particular two spotlight posts were made on how to create bee-friendly water stations in local gardens.

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

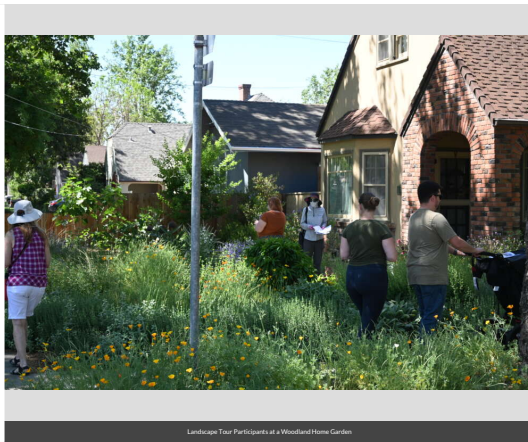
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How many people attended those events (in total)?

30215

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.

The City does not have specific IPM Policy/Plan but does have a set of plans and strategies that taken as a whole meets the requirements of an Integrated Pest Management Plan.

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

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

Not at this time.

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

- Implemented or maintained a written IPM plan

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.

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Woodland Bee City USA Committee

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [Integrated Pest Management Plan.pdf](#)

Recommended Native Plant List:

<https://www.cityofwoodland.org/872/Landscape>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

<https://www.cityofwoodland.org/872/Landscape>

<https://www.cityofwoodland.org/1098/Bee-City-USA>

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