

# Bee City USA - Moscow

Report on 2024



## Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

*Please describe pollinator habitat creation or enhancement projects in your community in 2024, and whether your committee hosted them or not.*

April 5, 2024 The City of Moscow Harvest Park Subcommittee partnered with the City of Moscow Bee City USA Subcommittee and the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute to organize and conduct a volunteer planting project at Harvest Park. Harvest Park is intended to be an edible forest. However, there is a steeper area of the park. This area is not conducive to public access to the edible plantings. However, the area is great to promote pollinator plantings to benefit the adjacent edible forest. The project had 27 volunteers and staff.

*How many habitat projects did you help to create or enhance in 2024?*

1

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

27

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

1

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

63386

*Please check all that describe the habitats your affiliate helped to create or enhance in 2024 with pollinator benefit in mind.*

- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting



Harvest Park pollinator planting project. Taken by PCEI.

## Education & Outreach

*Please describe pollinator conservation events or outreach activities in your community in 2024, indicating whether your committee hosted them or not.*

March 3-5, 2024. The Pollinator Summit was held at the Latah County Fairgrounds. The Pollinator Summit focusses on education through a series of speakers. Participation was high with 223 people attending the summit. The summit is organized and conducted through a partnership by: University of Idaho Extension, Palouse Environmental Sustainability Coalition, City of Moscow, Rural roots, Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute, and the Moscow Food Co-Op. Many members of these organizations sit on the City of Moscow' Bee City USA Subcommittee. August 9, 2024. The City of Moscow Bee City USA Subcommittee sponsored Pubbin' on the Patio at the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute. This was an opportunity to reach out to the public about the importance of pollinators. Native seeds were also given away at the event to the public.

*How many pollinator-related events or outreach activities did you host or help with in 2024 (in total)?*

2

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

298

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

4



March 4 & 5, 2024

# Pollinator Summit

Food for Bees, Food for you and me!

## TWO DAY POLLINATOR SUMMIT:

**Monday March 4 • 10am-4pm**  
**Tuesday March 5 • 10am-4pm & 6pm**

Latah County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. Event is FREE but please register, donations accepted.  
**Pollinator Expo:** Tuesday March 5, 11-1pm. Meet with local nonprofits and businesses helping pollinators

Eventbrite Registration: <https://pollinatorsummit2024.eventbrite.com>

Multiple presenters will share the latest research on pollinators from University of Idaho, WSU, Penn State and more.

Steve Sheppard, WSU, Breeding Honey Bee for the PNW and Fungal-based Alternatives for Colony Health  
 JT VanLeeuwen, UI, Bacteriophages of the Honey Bee Gut Microbiome  
 Gabriela Quinn, Penn State, Honey Bee Colonies as a Sentinel of Landscape-level Nectar Resources  
 Jacqueline Freeman, author – Falling in Love with Honey Bees  
 Anthony Vaudo, USFS, Bee Nutrition in the Landscape  
 Armando Falcon-Birdeis, UI, Pollination Ecology and Interaction Networks of Wild Bees  
 Margarita Lopez-Urbe, Penn State, Native Squash Bee Range and Evolution  
 Kelli Cooper, City of Moscow, Using Naturalists to Track and ID Bees  
 Karen Wright, WSDA, The Washington Bee Atlas  
 Steve Cook, UI, Identifying Pollinators and the Impact of Soil Amendment Treatments on Muskberry

## CLOSING NIGHT FILM: *The Pollinators*

**Tuesday March 5 • 7pm**

Doors open at 6:00pm. Learn about pollinators on the big screen! Event is FREE but please register.  
 UI Potato Lab, 753 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID

Eventbrite Registration: <https://pollinatorsummit2024.eventbrite.com>

For more information: [fatih@uidaho.edu](mailto:fatih@uidaho.edu), 208-883-2267



Pubbir on the Patio, PCEI. Taken by David Schott, City of Moscow staff liaison to the Bee City USA Subcommittee.



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The City of Moscow had an oversight that rests solely on my shoulders. The signs at our four primary entrances were not installed in 2022 as thought. However, we have expedited the fabrication/installation of the four entryway signs.

## Policies & Practices

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

The Harvest Park Management Plan approved by the Moscow City Council states Harvest Park is a pesticide free park. To that end, no pesticides have been used since the City acquired the property for an edible forest. The City also designates a pesticide free traditional park each year to provide an option for those with pesticide sensitivities. The

selected park does require a playground within the park. Moreover, the City of Moscow does not use pesticides within the footprint of our playgrounds.

*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 directly through the city.**

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

**Yes, the Harvest Park Management Plan and the pesticide free park program as described above.**

*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.*

- **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**
- **Sourced plants for city or campus grounds that were not treated with neonicotinoids**

# Harvest Park Management Plan

Moscow's Public Edible Forest

Adopted June 27, 2022; Resolution 2022-18



Harvest Park Management Plan. Adopted by Moscow City Council on June 27, 2022 through Resolution 2022-18.

*Any lessons learned you would like to share?*

The is a wealth of passionate and knowledgeable people in a community to work towards protecting and enhancing pollinator habitat.

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## Committee Photo



City of Moscow Bee City USA Subcommittee: Mark Heinlein, Iris Mayes, Nancy Tribble, Liv Lampman, Pamela Brunsfeld

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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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