

# Bee City USA - Puyallup

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.*

• Puyallup City Hall in partnership with Pierce Conservation District hosted by committee • Washington State University Puyallup Research and Extension Center added a Bee Box to their pollinator garden hosted by Pierce County Master Gardeners • Native Plant and Demonstration Rain Garden at Puyallup Public Library hosted by committee and Pierce Conservation District • Silver Creek Natural Open space Steward site hosted by Pierce Conservation District • Meeker Creek – Riparian area / flood plain that feeds into Clark’s Creek. Steward site hosted by Pierce Conservation District • Peck Property – Large flood plain bordering Clark’s Creek with significant plantings added to benefit habitat / pollinators. Steward site hosted by Pierce Conservation District

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

6

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

112

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

1

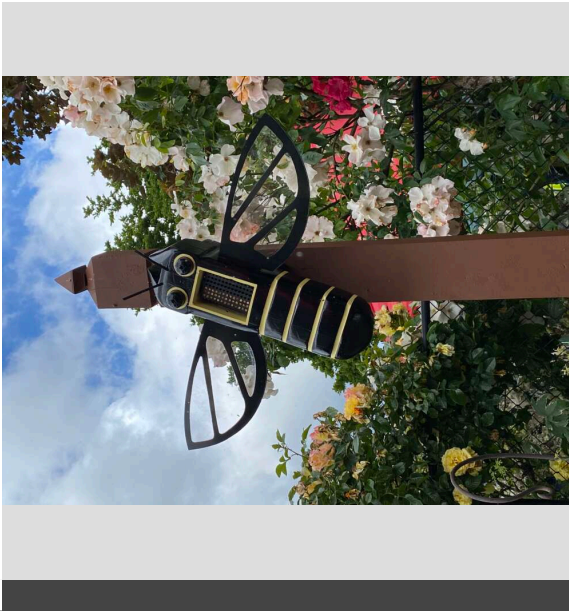
*How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?*

39000

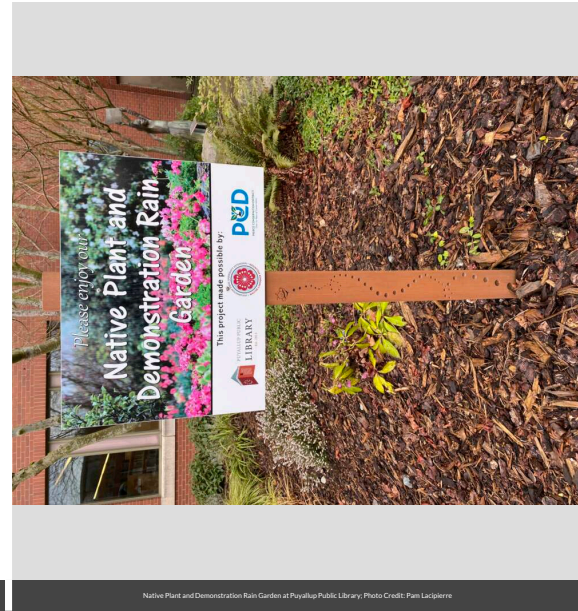
*Please check all that describe the habitats your affiliate helped to create or enhance in 2024 with pollinator benefit in mind.*

- Flower garden
- 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



Pollinator planting project at Puyallup City Hall in partnership with Pierce Conservation District with City Manager Steve Kirkelle; Photo Credit: Pierce Conservation District



Native Plant and Demonstration Rain Garden at Puyallup Public Library; Photo Credit: Pam Larpierre

## Education & Outreach

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

- Annual Daffodil Parade, the city float had a section dedicated to Bee City hosted by committee
- Native Plant and Demonstration Rain Garden at Puyallup Public Library hosted by committee and PCD
- Puyallup Public Library Display – National Pollinator Month of June hosted by committee
- A Celebration of Pollinators Open House at Washington State University Puyallup Research and Extension Center – Pierce County Master Gardeners and City of Puyallup partnership hosted by both Pierce County Master Gardeners and committee
- Signal Cabinet Wrap – Bee Box hosted by committee
- Day Camp – camp kids watched a pollinator video, received XKids and the Incredible Invertebrates booklet and made pollinator face masks from Xerces Society hosted by committee
- Lighting on the City buildings for National Pollinator Week – June 17th-23rd hosted by committee
- National Pollinator Proclamation hosted by committee
- Social media – posts throughout the seasons by committee:
  - o Social Media Post – Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month / April
  - o Social Media – NO MOW MAY, LOW MOW SPRING / Bee City – April & May
  - o Social Media – National Pollinator Week Proclamation – June
  - o Social Media – A Celebration of Pollinators Open House at Washington State University Puyallup Research and Extension Center – June
  - o Social Media – Bee Box Signal Cabinet Wraps – December

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

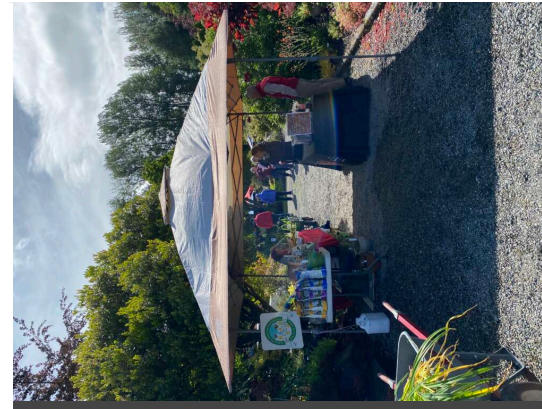
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How many people attended those events (in total)?

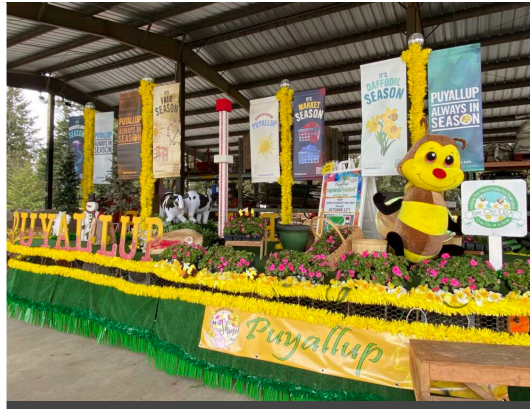
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How many Bee City USA logo street signs have you installed to date (in total)?

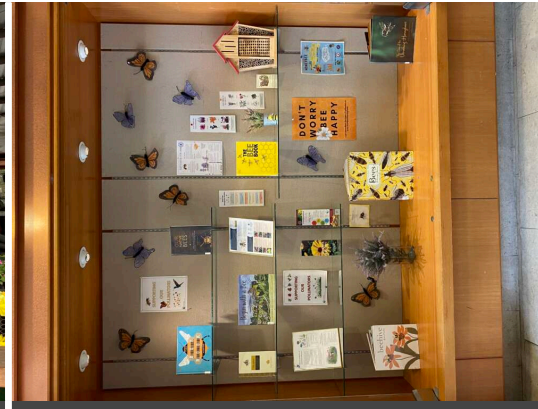
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Community Outreach at the Celebration of Pollinators Information Booth at Washington State University Puyallup Research and Extension Center Puyallup Demonstration Garden | Photo Credit: Pam Lacipierre



Annual Daffodil Parade - City of Puyallup Daffodil Float includes Bee City | Photo Credit: Pam Lacipierre



City of Puyallup Public Library Display during National Pollinator Month in June | Photo Credit: Pam Lacipierre



City of Puyallup; Photo Credit: City of Puyallup

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## Policies & Practices

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

- **Manual removal of invasive plants**
- **Limited use of broadcast spray**

*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
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds using “Buying Bee-Safe Plants” methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants>)
- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds that were not treated with neonicotinoids

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS*, pollinator species such as bees, birds, bats and butterflies are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and

*WHEREAS*, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

*WHEREAS*, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

*WHEREAS*, the City of Puyallup is a designated Bee City and dedicated to pollinator conservation efforts through education and awareness and pollinator habitat maintenance and creation;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, be it proclaimed by the Puyallup City Council:

The City of Puyallup celebrates, and encourages our community to partner with us in recognizing the week of June 17-23, 2024 as

### NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I, Mayor Jim Kastama, have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Puyallup to be affixed this 4th day of June 2024.

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Jim Kastama, Mayor

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City of Puyallup Proclamation

## Committee Photo



City of Puyallup Committee Chair and Staff; Photo Credit: Pierce Conservation District

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Learn More

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

Recommended Native Plant List: [Bee City Native Plant List.docx](#)

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [Bee City Plant Supplier List.docx](#)

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