

Bee City USA - City of Woodland

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.

- **Ongoing:** Continued maintenance and enhancements to plant labels at the City Hall Pollinator Garden. City staff installed labels throughout the garden to help community members identify plants, inspiring them to incorporate native plants into their own gardens. Master Gardeners continued regular maintenance of the garden, including tending to plants, weeding, and ensuring overall plant health. Their work helps maintain a vibrant and welcoming space for visitors while supporting the long-term sustainability of the garden. Through these efforts, the garden remains an inviting demonstration of native and pollinator-friendly plants for the community to enjoy and learn from.
- **Ongoing:** Continued maintenance and enhancements of native plant and pollinator plantings in Cline Park. Woodland Tree Foundation and its volunteers planted calendulas, California poppy, yarrow, lupines, and iris in a landscaping strip at Cline Park. Bee City USA plant labels were created and installed to help community members identify the plants within the landscaping strip.
- **Ongoing:** Continued maintenance and enhancements to Community Rain Garden Demonstration Project at Crawford Park. The City of Woodland constructed a rain garden at the northeast corner of Crawford Park (1733 College Street) in 2021-2022, 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 features 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 in residential yards and providing a venue for ongoing education about sustainable gardening. Early inspiration for the project came from a concept design by California Student Leadership in Green Infrastructure at UC Davis. While the Bee City USA Committee was not officially involved, the project aligns with the Bee City USA mission. It was developed in partnership with 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 helps maintain the park through weeding, mulching, and pruning.
- **Woodland High School Native Plant Garden:** Woodland High School maintains an impressive native plant garden, propagates its own plants, and hosts routine plant sales.
- **Woodland Regional Park Preserve (WRPP):** The City of Woodland began work on the 160-acre Woodland Regional Park Preserve, transforming a former landfill into a thriving pollinator-friendly habitat. The site features diverse habitats including grasslands, wetlands, riparian areas, and alkali prairie, supporting over twenty native plant species, including the federally listed endangered palmate-bracted bird’s-beak. The preserve provides vital resources for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. Public access will include ADA-compliant walking trails, educational kiosks, and seating areas, offering opportunities for visitors to learn about pollinators, native plants, and habitat conservation. Developed in partnership

with the Yolo Habitat Conservancy, seasonal interns and volunteers assist with ongoing maintenance, including invasive species removal and habitat upkeep. The WRPP is scheduled to open to the public in 2025. • Gibson Road / SR-113 Interchange Modifications (CIP #19-13): Between 2021 and 2024, the City of Woodland began work to incorporate pollinator-friendly landscaping into the Gibson Road / SR-113 Interchange Modifications project. Approximately 120,000 square feet of landscaped areas were planted with a diverse mix of native and climate-appropriate trees, shrubs, and ground covers, including California fuchsia, ceanothus, coyote brush, and manzanita. These flowering plants provide nectar, pollen, and habitat for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators while meeting water-efficient landscaping standards. The project demonstrates how roadway and transportation infrastructure can support pollinator conservation and enhance urban biodiversity.

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

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

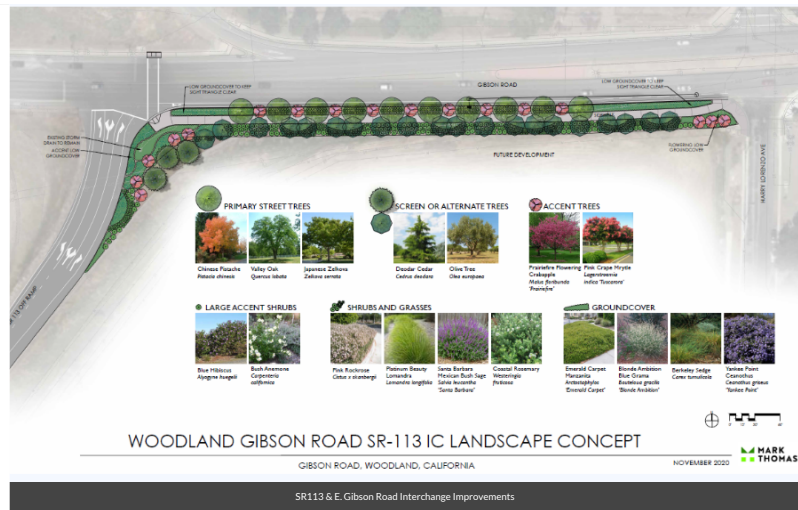
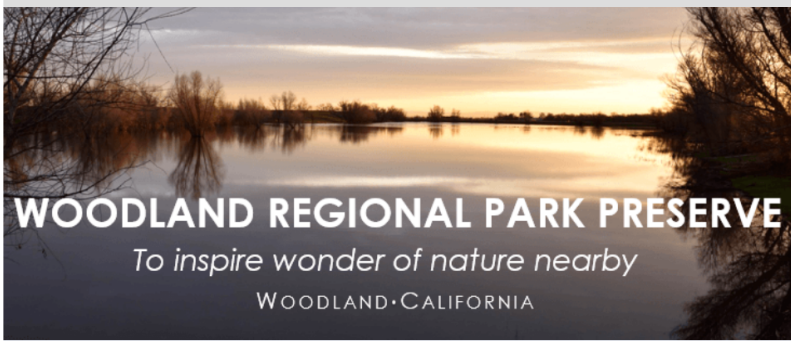
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How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

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

- Flower garden
- Vegetable garden
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species
- Herb garden
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Rain garden/bioswale
- Roadside/rights of way planting
- School garden



Education & Outreach

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

- **April 2024: Spring Thing:** Tuleyome’s third annual Spring Thing was held at the Woodland Regional Park Preserve and attracted more than 300 community members throughout the day. This marked the first year the event was co-hosted with the City of Woodland, with opening remarks from City leadership and Tuleyome representatives. The celebration featured guided tours focused on birds, native plants, wetlands, and nature exploration, highlighting the Preserve’s pollinator-friendly habitats. Family-friendly activities, educational performances, youth programming, and local food created an engaging event that connected the community to conservation, pollinators, and the natural landscape.
- **May 2024: California Honey Festival:** The annual California Honey Festival attracted tens of thousands of participants to Downtown Woodland. Honey, craft, and food vendors lined the streets, providing a lively shopping experience for visitors. With support from UC Davis’ Honey and Pollination Center, educational demonstrations and presentations on honey and pollination were offered throughout the day. A kid zone introduced youth participants to pollination topics. The second annual 30-mile “Honey Bike Ride” was organized in collaboration with a local cycling team. Although 100 cyclists registered, about half participated due to rainy weather. Many riders dressed in bee costumes to promote the Festival and appear as a bee swarm on the road. The Bee City USA Committee contributed to educational aspects of the Festival. The City distributed marigold seeds to promote the annual landscape tour, along with moisture meters and planting resources.
- **May 11, 2024: Water-Wise Landscape Tour:** Hosted by the City’s Environmental Services and led by community plant experts, the 12th annual Water-Wise Landscape Tour invited community members to explore converted yards and learn strategies for creating more water-wise landscapes. The tour featured front and back yards redesigned to reduce water use and fit homeowners’ lifestyles, with key native and water-wise plants highlighted. Approximately 100 people attended the self-guided tour, which included seven residential homes and City Hall’s Pollinator Garden. UC Davis Master Gardeners and City staff were stationed at each

location alongside homeowners to answer questions. “Before” photos of each garden were shared to showcase each garden’s transformation. • May 11, 2024: 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, Woodland High School hosted a native and pollinator-friendly plant sale. Students propagated their own plants, and all proceeds supported their high school. • Throughout 2024: Social Media Outreach: As fall is one of the best times to plant due to cooler temperatures, the City of Woodland shared social media posts in late summer and fall encouraging residents to plant pollinator-friendly gardens and support local bee populations. Posts included pollinator spotlights, features on pollinator-friendly plants, and educational content showing how community actions can positively impact local pollinator health and conservation outcomes.

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

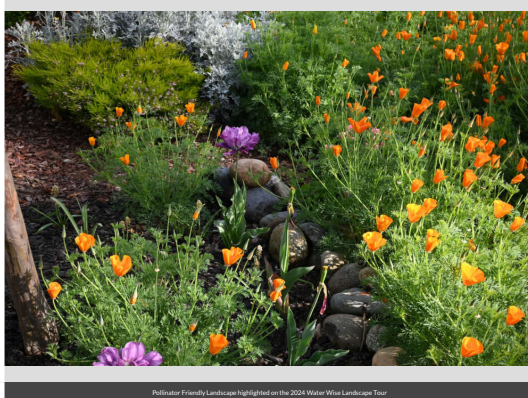
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How many people attended those events (in total)?

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

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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.

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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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.

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

Not at this time.

Committee Photo



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:

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

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