

# Bee City USA - Twin Falls

Report on 2020

## Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

Clif Bar unveiled its new 2-megawatt, 5,200-solar-panel project in Sept. 2019. While most solar farms sit atop homogeneous gravel fields, Clif Bar's renewable energy effort will be full of native wildflowers and provide a home for bees, butterflies and other pollinator species. The site is the first of its kind in the state (Times-News). October 2019 Twin Falls City leaders unveiled signs recognizing Twin Falls for its effort in protecting pollinators and its designation as a Bee City USA and a Monarch City USA (Times-News). Tom Courtney Park has been designated as the pollinator garden for the City. In Sept. 2020 another partner, The College of Southern Idaho's Sustainability Council, created a new pollinator garden on campus to attract pollinators and to be a place where students can have a chance to integrate their learning from different classes they may attend.



## Education & Outreach

We had more educational events scheduled but due to COVID-19 we had to cancel them. We were able to provide a couple of events while following social distancing protocols. In June 2020 Bee City USA partner Orton Botanical Gardens hosted a butterfly release for Hospice Visions then opened the garden for a pollinator program and treasure hunt to locate certain plants that were good for different types of pollinators. In partnership with our local beekeeping club we set up a table at the gardens with pollinator information and an observation hive. In Sept 2020 we were asked to set up a booth in the Ag Pavillion at our county fair. Thousands of folks attended the fair and most, if not all, of the handouts were picked up.





Orton Botanical Gardens Hospice Butterfly Release & Pollinator Program/Treasure Hunt

## Policies & Practices

Limited use of broad spectrum pesticides on existing habitats and near waterways, and targeted use of pesticides within parks.

### Integrated Pest Management Plan:

#### Recommended Native Plant List:

<https://www.tfid.org/documentcenter/view/4084>

#### Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:



<https://idahonativeplants.org/native-plant-resources/>

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