

# Bee City USA - Ashland

Report on 2021

## Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

1. Following the Almeda Fire of 2020, which started within a mile of North Mountain Park, the home of Bee City USA Ashland, a number of agencies and organizations have been working hard to remove blackberries using manual labor and some limited herbicide use. Lomakatsi, The Freshwater Trust, Rogue River Watershed Council, Southern Oregon Monarch Advocates, to name a few. Following the removal of blackberries, they have been planting thousands of native trees and shrubs along the Bear Creek Greenway. Many of these projects are assisted by community members from all over the Rogue Valley. Here is an example of a planting project spearheaded by Lomakatsi and The Freshwater Trust to restore Ashland Pond: <https://ashland.news/work-continues-to-revegetate-ashland-pond-open-space/> Aspects of this project have received federal, state and local agency and philanthropic funding since 2005. 2. Ashland Parks and Recreation held several public meetings and hired a local design/build firm to create plans for a new 5.5 acre park. Part of the acreage will include a community garden, less formal planting areas, and a riparian edge, which will offer opportunities for new demonstration areas and increased outreach about native plants and pollinators.





Some of the thousands of native plants planted by various organizations and agencies during the restoration efforts underway along the Bear Creek Greenway after the Alameda Fire.

## Education & Outreach

Mountain Meadows Pollinator Garden Tour, June 23, 2021, 9am – noon. ☑Bee City USA Ashland celebrated and supported the effort of residents and the Grounds and Natural Areas Committee in their goal to educate and celebrate the work they are doing to expand pollinator habitat in both common areas of the HOA as well as in private gardens. We helped plan and host the Tour of BCUA Approved Gardens and other natural areas which are being restored from invasive blackberries and returned to native trees, shrubs, and other forbs. Invitees were Mountain Meadows community members



and all BCUA approved gardeners. BCUA members Nancy Appling and Kristina Lefever helped plan the Tour and then tabled to share pollinator and BCUA information and also direct residents and neighbors with a map and info sheet prepared by the residents. 📄Link to photo album: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/3zMnUv9i8vcsMUFS8>



Nancy Appling checking in Cheryl and Jim Lewis (APRC Commissioner) during Mt Meadows Pollinator Garden Tour.



Mt. Meadows Pollinator Garden Tour at Papillion Park.



Pat Nichols (Mt. Meadows resident), Nancy Appling, Beth Essex (MM resident), and two members of landscaping company chat after the tour.

## Policies & Practices

1. Ashland has had an IPM in place for over 10 years, and does not use pesticides in its parks. We have a Volunteer Coordinator who organizes community members to help with maintenance in and around our 19 city parks and 766 acres of park lands and open space. Ashland Parks and Recreation continued to undertake mechanical removal of weeds, instead of herbicide application. APRC continued to facilitate volunteer work parties, as much as the pandemic precautions allowed. 2. Committee members met with staff and APRC officials to prepare a neonic resolution. Those discussions continue into 2022.

### Integrated Pest Management Plan:

[https://www.ashland.or.us/SIB/files/APRC/APRC%20Policies/IntegratedPestManagement\\_Signed7-22-2019.pdf](https://www.ashland.or.us/SIB/files/APRC/APRC%20Policies/IntegratedPestManagement_Signed7-22-2019.pdf)

### Recommended Native Plant List:

[https://www.ashland.saveswater.org/assets/NativePlants\\_10.2010.pdf](https://www.ashland.saveswater.org/assets/NativePlants_10.2010.pdf)

### Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

[https://www.ashland.or.us/Files/NATIVE\\_PLANT\\_RESOURCES\\_IN\\_SOUTHWEST\\_OREGON.pdf](https://www.ashland.or.us/Files/NATIVE_PLANT_RESOURCES_IN_SOUTHWEST_OREGON.pdf)





Ashland Parks & Recreation Commission (APRC)  
**Integrated Pest Management (IPM)**

*The Bee City, USA*

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Mike Gardiner beginning his Zoom presentation to new BCU affiliates about Ashland's IPM plan..

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