

Bee City USA - Talent

Report on 2021

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

After advising great gardeners in our town, we were able to certify 13 new pollinator gardens, one was the first biodynamic one with 47 native plant species. Since then another existing garden was elevated to the biodynamic status. We now have a total of 73 certified pollinator gardens.



Certifying Almira's (middle) garden with Vickie, Julie, Joleen and Laura.



Children of a newly minted pollinator garden were so excited, they drew a bee on their sidewalk.



First biodynamic certified pollinator garden.

Education & Outreach

1. Together with other organizations and volunteers we restored a riparian area, between Bear Creek and Upper Talent Pond, which was completely destroyed after the Almeda Fire (Sept. 8, 2020) by planting native trees, shrubs and huge amounts seeds of native flowers. For comprehensive details see article in Bee City USA, December 2021 Blog. 2. On a weekly basis, members of our affiliate together with Talent Garden Club members have been maintaining the 8 public pollinator gardens which we created over the past 4 years. People in our town have given us the moniker "Garden Angels". 3. Helped design and plant Phoenix, neighboring Bee City affiliate, their new public pollinator garden. The existing one was destroyed by the Sept. 8 fire.





Laura Panica, Jennifer Griffith and Gerlinde Smith maintaining the City Hall pollinator garden.



Jennifer Griffith (front) with Julie Greene, Joleen Smith (back), working at the Post Office pollinator garden.

Policies & Practices

The City of Talent implemented an IPM program on June 18, 2018. Since that time our Public Works uses a weed steamer on pathways, and occasionally organic applications of cloves, cinnamon or orange to mitigate invasive weeds on city land. Invasive Himalayan blackberries, planted by early settlers, have been uprooted or are periodically cut down.

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:



Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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We don't have a photo of all out committee members instead this is a bee motif cake served at our meetings.

