



Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019

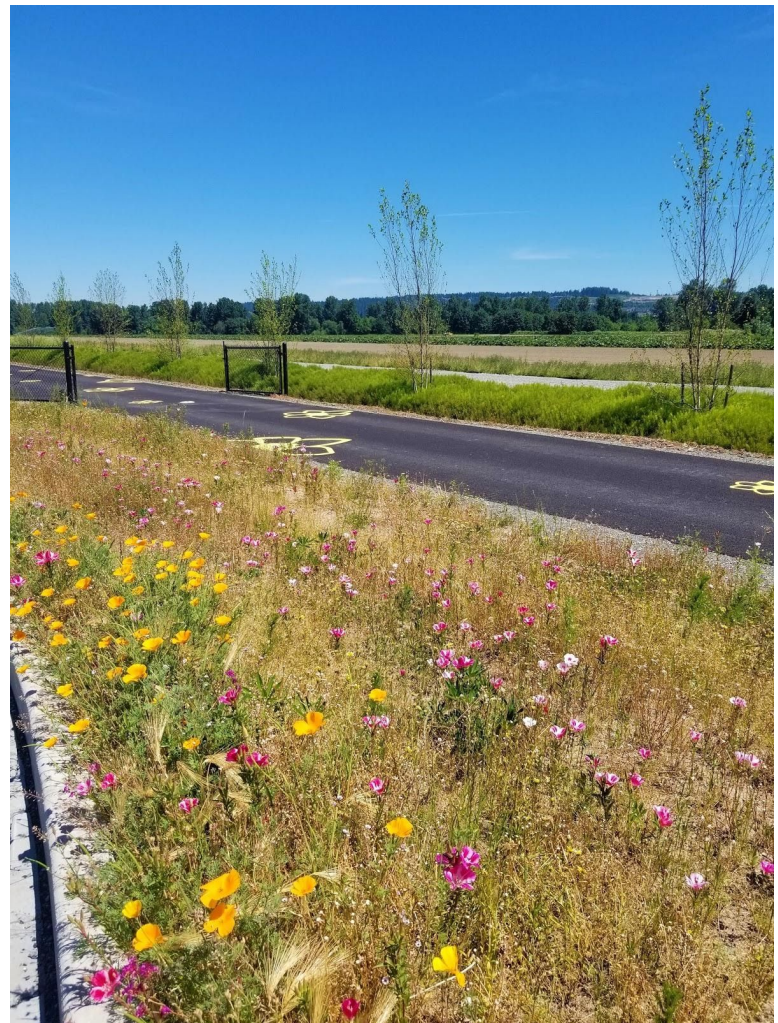


Puyallup, Washington

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Educational table at Van Lierop Park



Wildflowers planted at Van Lierop Park for pollinators.

In June, the City opened the newly renovated Van Lierop Park to the public with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. At the event, the committee set up an educational table that included an informational display poster on honeybees and their importance within the new park (and the types of plants planted

to accommodate them). Also available were gardening tip handouts, planting suggestions; wildflower honey sticks provided by local Bee King's Raw Honey, and free wildflower seed packets for attendees. Booth staff talked with attendees about future plans for the park – to include pollinator habitat areas – and overall goals as a Bee City for 2020. Estimated 50 attendees.



Completed rain/pollinator garden at Puyallup Public Library.



Bee City educational display at Puyallup Public Library.

In October, the City added a rain garden/pollinator garden to the entrance of the public library. 30 volunteers helped with clearing the site and planting native and pollinator-friendly plants. Future plans include interactive pollinator displays and educational programs for children. In October- August, the committee held a display at the library, to include various types of books on pollinators; lists of endangered species and ways to help; gardening tips; planting suggestions, pest management resources; and bee removal resources. Over 50 people were engaged in interacting with the display and checking out pollinator books. New books were ordered based on community demand.

The City also included education and outreach through our social media channels and city website. The City posted resources on Facebook and Instagram, and updated resources such as a better pest management guide and direct link to our annual Bee City reports on our website. The City put out a call to local businesses on our social media accounts to host a business spotlight in the community for those who are partnering with the city to help preserve pollinators. The City broadcasted one spotlight in 2019, with more planned for 2020.

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT

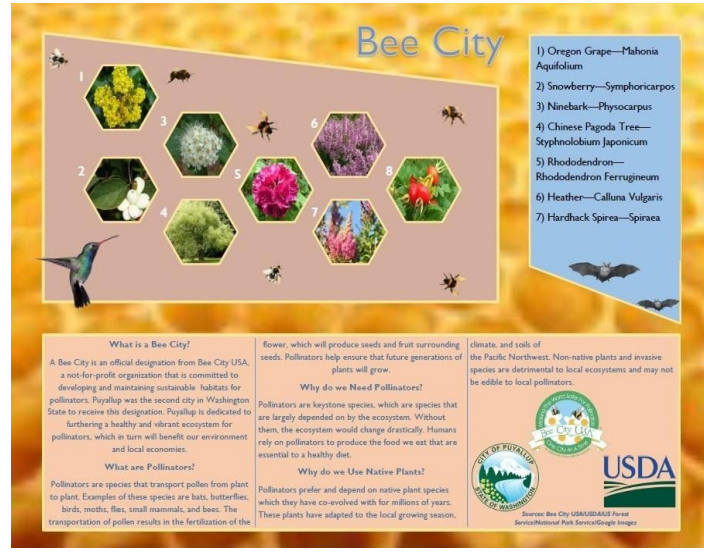
The City planted wildflowers at the newly renovated Van Lierop Park (in the meadow and alongside the trail) for pollinators, which were in bloom by June for the park opening. All visitors to the ribbon-cutting event were community members and elected officials from around the South Sound.

The City created a pollinator interpretive sign for locations where we currently have pollinator-friendly plants/habitats, to identify plants and primary pollinators and their importance to the area.

New plantings were created along the Meridian & 7th Street intersection right-of-way. The City's Parks and Recreation team continued to maintain our current pollinator plantings around the city and to remove invasive species.



Van Lierop Park meadow plantings



Interpretive sign for pollinator plantings

A rain/pollinator garden was completed in October at the front of the Puyallup Public Library, with the help of 30 volunteers. There are future plans to expand this garden and create more pollinator educational/interactive components for visitors.

The City continued to care for our current pollinator-friendly and native planting around the city, utilizing both Parks and Recreation staff and volunteers.

POLICIES & PRACTICES

When Parks & Recreation staff do have an aphid infestation in the City's hanging baskets along our streets, the staff uses an insecticidal soap and apply per label instructions below the proper temperature and early mornings when pollinators are not present.

If insecticidal soap is not effective, the next level of control is to use a system insecticide called Mainspring GNL applied through our watering process per label instructions below proper temperature requirements and early mornings before pollinators are present. Pesticides/insecticides are not used in any other City locations.

We do not currently have an IPM Plan in place, but this will be a work in progress in the year 2020.

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List —

<https://green2.kingcounty.gov/gonative/index.aspx>

Regional Native Plant Supplier List —

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/services/environment/stewardship/nw-yard-and-garden/native-plant-nurseries-washington.aspx>

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan — not available

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