

Bee City USA - Carson City

Report on 2021

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

In May 2021, Bee City #76 Executive Committee members partnered with the Carson City Library and 10 student volunteers to plant about 85 flowers and shrubs in the Secret Garden at the Carson City Library. This area was approximately 2,000 square feet of open habitat. Asters, penstemon, golden rod, blue flax, bunch grass and a myriad of other native plants from the Nevada Division of Forestry Nursery were planted.



Lyndsey Boyer demonstrates to student volunteers how to plant.



Globemallow planted at the Carson City Library Secret Garden.

Education & Outreach

April 29, 2021: Bee City #76 was invited to provide an educational presentation on pollinators to the Carson City Spring Break youth group, which was presented to 18 elementary school students by members of our Executive Committee. June – Pollinator Month! This year Carson City really stepped up our game for Pollinator Month. The month of June was jam packed with pollinator events, as well as an initiative spearheaded by Mayor Lori Bagwell to engage local business in pollinator conservation awareness. Our theme was “Bee Friendly Carson City, Protect Pollinators”. This activity was supported by about 20 local businesses, Mayor Bagwell, Visit Carson City, and Bee City USA #76. The participating businesses offered a honey-themed meal, cocktail or retail display to promote pollinators throughout the month of June



including Adams Hub, Advocates to End Domestic Violence, Bank Saloon, Black Bear Diner, Blue Bull Saloon, Carson City Chamber of Commerce, Carson City Farmer's Market, Carson Jewelry and Loan, Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department, Carson Coffee, Carson City Library, Carson Nursing and Rehabilitation, Comma Coffee, Due Sorella, East West Embroidery, The Fox Bewpub, Greenhouse Garen Center, The Greenhouse Project, Mangia Tutto, Purple Avocado, Sassafrass Eclectic Food Joint, Scoups Ice Cream & Soup Bar, Shoetree Brewing, So Juicy Juice and Salad Bar, The Union, United Federal Credit Union and the University of Nevada Reno, Cooperative Extension. Each participating business/agency received a Pollinator Month poster – which included a QR code linking to the Carson City Pollinator Friendly Planting List, as well as ‘Bee Friendly Carson City, Protect Pollinator’ stickers and balloons to share with the public. June 1 – June 30, 2021: Pollinator Month display at the Carson City Library, facilitated by Bee City #76 members. An estimated 6,000 people visited the library and saw the display in the month of June. June 5, 2021: National Trails Day at the Foothill Garden Bee Hotel. Bee City USA #76 hosted a table with information about pollinators. About 150 people attended the event and 50 visited the booth to learn about pollinators, and to get honey sticks, Bee Friendly Carson City stickers and wildflower seeds. June 12, 2021: Carson City Library Literacy Challenge at the Carson City Library Pollinator Garden. This event at the library’s new pollinator garden kicked off summer reading program. Bee City #76 members were there as a queen bee and beekeeper to engage with the 98 children who participated. June 14, 2021: the University of Nevada Reno, Cooperative Extension offered a Pollinator Garden Talk at the Carson City Community Garden. Staff provided the information for the public to learn about how to plant gardens for pollinators. June 17, 2021: Adams Hub Grand Reopening and Business Nonprofit Open House – Bee City #76 members provided a table with information about beekeeping and Pollinator Month at the business mixer. Our infamous 'Queen Bees' cut the ribbon for the reopening! Great contacts with businesses resulted and helped get the word out to ‘Bee Friendly, Carson City Protect Pollinators’ campaign. June 19, 2021: Greenhouse Garden Center offered a Pollinator Plant Tour that was intended to be offered to the public, but unfortunately due to high winds and fire danger that day the public portion was cancelled. Staff led a private tour with the Bee City #76 Executive Committee and showed us outstanding examples of premium pollinator plants available locally in our community. June 26, 2021: A costumed Pollinator Parade was held starting from the Carson City Farmers Market. 30 people attended in a beautiful mix of butterflies, bees, birds, kids and parents in Save the Bees t-shirts, caterpillars, flowers and even a banana! The parade marched south on Carson Street and visited three sponsor business fronts (Adams Hub, Carson Jewelry and Loan and Comma Coffee) who along with many other businesses supported Pollinator Month with food and drink specials and retails promotions focused on bees and pollinators. Special guest included the Queen Bee of the town, Mayor Lori Bagwell! Since then, our Mayor has been promoting the Bee City idea to other cities and is encouraging them to become Bee Cities as a conservation effort. June 30, 2021: Carson City Library: Bee City USA #76 Executive Committee presented four books on landscaping for pollinators to the Carson City Library to end Pollinator Month. Mayor Lori Bagwell was there to accept the books on behalf of the library.





Carson City Library Display - created by Bee City USA #76 Secretary and President, Linda Groves (left) and Kelly Clark (right).



Inaugural Carson City Pollinator Parade!



Mayor Bagwell and Bee City #76 Executive Committee present four books on pollinators to the Carson City Library,

Policies & Practices

Currently Carson City has prepared an Integrated Pest Management Plan that was written as a collaboration between several Department's throughout Carson City – including Parks, Public Works and Health with the Vector Control Program. The plan emphasizes using a variety of control methods such as mechanical removal, biocontrol and others as a way to reduce herbicide application throughout the City. Some examples include continuing to implement an herbicide free program for maintaining the vegetation around the Foothill Garden and Bee Hotel site, given that this site hosts organic food production, in addition to a Bee Hotel habitat. Other methods such as solarization are used to treat noxious weeds in this location as an alternative to chemical herbicides. Additionally, both the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department, as well as Carson City Public Works Department continued to utilize integrated pest management techniques wherever possible. This includes removing weedy vegetation manually along trails or in sensitive habitats such as wetlands. Additionally, Carson City implemented the 14th year of fuel reduction utilizing sheep grazing on the west side of Carson City. Utilizing sheep, Carson City can reduce fine fuel across 2,000 acres on the landscape with non-chemical means. Additionally, staff work to clear detention basins using mechanical removal rather than herbicide. In addition to some of the alternatives to herbicides outlined above, Carson City staff have also worked to implement a staff training program for seasonal maintenance staff related to integrated pest management, proper plant ID and restoration. Proper training for staff has empowered them to make greater considerations related to pollinator populations when determining treatment methods.

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [Carson City Integrated Pest Management Plan.pdf](#)

Recommended Native Plant List: [Pollinator Friendly Plant List.xlsx](#)

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:



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