



Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



Seattle, Washington

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Bee City Seattle hosted over 25 Pollinator Conservation focused events in 2019.

Committee member organization The Common Acre (TCA) led 14 workshops on getting to know native bees for kids and pollinator friendly gardening working together with Seattle Public Libraries, Cascade Playground, Seattle City Light, and the Bush School. TCA also developed a “Wild Bees Dig Dirt” campaign which launched during national Pollinator Week June 17-23, 2019. Campaign included: 1 printed brochure (750 copies), and two social media campaigns running the duration of Pollinator week (3 teaser posts, 6 Garden tips for supporting ground nesting bees, and 13 interactive ID That Bee posts).

Member organization Tilth Alliance hosted a Pollinator Day at the Rainier Beach Urban Farm during national Pollinator Week with involvement from other organizations, including Common Acre, Central Co-op, P-Patch Community Gardening program to welcome the public to participate in pollinator day activities which included some planting activities earlier in the day on the pollinator hillside. Tilth Alliance also hosted a number of pollinator specific classes and workshops to a variety of audiences including: Namaste garden in Tukwila, the Hope Garden at St. Columba Church in Kent, The Beet Box in the Othello neighborhood in Seattle, at McAuliffe Park in Kirkland, for Our Lady of the Lake fifth grade class at Picardo Farm P-Patch and for Familias Adelantes in Lake City, Federal Way Green Living workshop series, Rainier Beach Community Club.



Students capturing bee specimen for observation with entomologist Will Peterman

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT

Seattle Bee City committee member organization The Common Acre hosted the following conservation activities:

- Managed 9.9 acres of land, including 1 acre at The Green Line public conservation site in South Seattle, 6 acres at SeaTac airport, 2 acres at Boeing Everett, and .9 acres of land across the urban farms in our new Alleycat Acres Urban Farm program.
- Expanded by 2.6 acres and installed 1,000 native plants, 1,000 bulbs, and 20 pounds of seed from Oct 2018-Nov 2019
- Installed over 350 native plants to create over 2,000 square feet of pollinator gardens across all four urban farms in 2019, with accompanying signage and programming to engage the community



Volunteers planting pollinator garden at Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands

- Engaged over 140 volunteers with our ground restoration work over 9 work days, specifically helping us to install over 1,000 native, perennial plants and expanding our active restoration by one acre
- Tracked impacts of conservation activities through vegetation monitoring as well as bee population diversity and abundance surveys, conducting a total of 24 survey days.

Member organization Tilth Alliance hosted the following conservation events:

- Youth Education educators planted into a pollinator buffer at the Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands with two classes from South Shore school – 50 students in two sessions
- Volunteers continue to add native plants chosen for their ability to support wildlife at the Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands, in the wetlands area of the farm
- Hosted an Endangered Species Day work party, planting native plants and other pollinator plants into our pollinator hillside at the Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands
- Continued to host work parties in the pollinator hillside throughout the summer including a Seattle Works - Kids Works event
- Added pollinator plantings to the Children's Garden at the Good Shepherd Center in Wallingford throughout the growing season.

POLICIES & PRACTICES

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List — <https://commonacre.org/programs/bee-city/>

Regional Native Plant Supplier List — <https://commonacre.org/programs/bee-city/>

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan — <https://www.seattle.gov/utilities/businesses-and-key-accounts/landscapes/integrated-pest-management>

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