

RESOLUTION NO. 2650

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE DESIGNATING THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE AS A BEE CITY USA® AFFILIATE

WHEREAS, the mission of BEE CITY USA is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators, responsible for the reproduction of 90% of the world's wild plant species, providing them with healthy habitat rich in a variety of native plants and nearly free of pesticides; and

WHEREAS, due in part to the tremendous diversity of wild native bees, along with the honey bees that were brought to the United States from Europe in the 1700s, people in the United States have very diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, vegetables, and even dairy products--one in every three bites of food people eat is courtesy of insect pollination; and

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of causes, including but not limited to habitat loss, use of pesticides, and the spread of pests and diseases; and

WHEREAS, pollinator-friendly communities can benefit local and regional economies through healthier ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local nurseries and growers; and

WHEREAS, an ideal pollinator-friendly habitat:

1. Provides diverse and abundant nectar and pollen from plants blooming in succession throughout the growing season;
2. Provides water for drinking, nest-building, cooling, diluting stored honey, and butterfly puddling;
3. Provides undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, un-mowed fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering for wild pollinators;
4. Is pesticide-free or has pesticide use carried out with least ill effects on pollinators;
5. Is comprised of mostly, if not all, native species of annual and perennial forbs, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees in landscapes because many wild pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-adapted;
6. Includes, where possible, designated pollinator zones in public spaces with signage to educate the public and build awareness; and
7. Provides for safe and humane removal of honey bees when required; and

WHEREAS, supporting pollinators fosters environmental awareness and sustainability, and increases interactions throughout the community, such as among community stewards, backyard beekeepers, farmers, children, educators, master gardeners, individual and community gardeners, property owners, landscapers, local businesses, faith-based organizations, and nature-related organizations; and

WHEREAS, in order to enhance understanding among the staff of the City of Wilsonville (“City”) and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each person can do to sustain them, the City chooses to support and encourage pollinator habitat creation and enhancement on both public and private land; and


WHEREAS, based on the foregoing the City of Wilsonville should be certified a BEE CITY USA community in accordance with the 2017-2018 Council Goal of becoming a Bee City. NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Wilsonville Natural Resources Program is hereby designated as the BEE CITY USA program sponsor and, as such, will provide oversight of the implementation of the BEE CITY USA program outlined in paragraph 4 below.
2. The Natural Resources Program Manager of the City of Wilsonville is designated as the BEE CITY USA liaison and will assist in providing oversight of the implementation of the BEE CITY USA program outlined in paragraph 4 below.
3. Facilitation of the City’s BEE CITY USA program is assigned to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
4. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is authorized to and should provide the following programming:
 - a. **Celebration:** Annually celebrate National Pollinator Week or some other appropriate occasion with educational events, pollinator habitat plantings, or restoration, proclamations, or promotions that showcase the City’s commitment to enhancing pollinator health and habitat.
 - b. **Publicity & Information:** Install and maintain at least one authorized BEE CITY USA street sign in a prominent location, and create and maintain a webpage on the City website which includes, at minimum, a copy of this resolution, links to the national BEE CITY USA website, contact information for the City’s BEE CITY USA liaison – the Natural Resources Program Manager, contact information for the Parks


and Recreation Advisory Board, and reports of the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished in the previous year(s).

- c. **Habitat:** Develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat, which can include, but is not limited to:
 - i. Identification and inventory of City real property that can be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings;
 - ii. Creation of a recommended locally native species list to include forbs, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees and a list of local suppliers for those species;
 - iii. Creation of a least toxic integrated pesticide management plan;
 - iv. Dissemination of informational and educational materials to the public; and
 - v. Tracking annual area of pollinator habitat created or enhanced by square footage and/or acreage.
 - d. **Policy:** Adopt, through the City Council, a policy in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to acknowledge and commit to the BEE CITY USA designation.
 - e. **Plan Review:** Review pesticide management policies and practices as they relate to pollinator conservation, identify appropriate locations for pollinator-friendly plantings, and consider other appropriate measures.
 - f. **Renewal:** After completing the first full year as a BEE CITY USA affiliate, each January, apply for renewal of the City of Wilsonville's BEE CITY USA designation following the format provided by BEE CITY USA, including a report of the previous year's BEE CITY USA activities, and paying the renewal fee based on the City's population.
5. The City Manager, or designee, has authority to pay the initial and renewal fees required by BEE CITY USA.
 6. This Resolution becomes effective upon the date of adoption.

ADOPTED by the Wilsonville City Council at a regular meeting thereof this 7th day of August, 2017, and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this date.


Tim Knapp, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kimberly Veliz, City Recorder

SUMMARY OF VOTES:

Mayor Knapp	Yes
Council President Starr	Yes
Councilor Stevens	Yes
Councilor Lehan	Yes
Councilor Akervall	Excused