


A circular wreath of various botanical illustrations surrounds a central white circle. The plants include green ferns, a red maple leaf, a large green leaf, a branch with small pink flowers, a large green leaf, a red leaf, and purple flowers.

Renewed ESB Bee City Involvement



Requirements

- Establish a standing Bee City USA committee to advocate for pollinators. **Can be existing board**
 - Create and enhance pollinator habitat on public and private land by increasing the abundance of native plants and providing nest sites. Native Plant List and Plant Supplier List. **Both lists are on Bee City page on City's website. Cannot be worded as a promotion.** Tree Board currently involved but work could have greater impact with more efforts. ESB could have an initiative tied to increased habitat on private land. *next page
 - Reduce the use of pesticides. **Tree Board handles.**
 - Incorporate pollinator-conscious practices into city policies and plans. **Tree Board working on.**
 - Host pollinator awareness events. **Can be Hendo Earth Fest and Garden Jubilee.**
 - Publicly acknowledge Bee City USA affiliation with signs and an online presence. **Caitlyn takes care of.**
 - Pay an initial application fee and annual renewal fee. **Caitlyn takes care of.**
 - Annually apply for renewal and report on the previous year's activities. **Caitlyn takes care of.**
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**Just because things were done one way in the past doesn't mean that is how it has to be moving forward.

Pollinator Gardens on Private Property Initiative



Benefits:

- Solves issue of who maintains – the owner would maintain and would likely have better success since pollinator habitat would be on their own personal property
- Quantifiable impact and a way for ESB to interact with City residents and businesses in an easy way while contributing to Bee City program.

How this would work:

1. ESB designates one or two pollinator garden application deadline(s).
2. ESB & Caitlyn put together online form residents/business owners fill out showing why they would benefit from a pollinator garden, commitment to maintain garden, maximum planting area, etc
3. ESB votes on award recipients
4. ESB consults with winner on what plants would be viable for garden location & put together purchasing list (with plants coming from Bee City Native Plant List). We could have a template email that is sent out for the owner to fill out.
5. ESB meeting with owner to help plant mini garden and provides a brochure on who ESB is and tips for maintaining their garden
6. If desired, ESB could keep a list of award recipients and ESB can reach out 1/year on how the progress is going but this wouldn't be a requirement.