

## RESOLUTION 2019-03

### A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING WEST LINN, OREGON 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 almost 90% of the world's flowering plant species, by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free to nearly free of pesticides; and

**WHEREAS**, thanks to the more than 3,600 species of native bees in the United States, along with introduced honey bees, we have very diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and

**WHEREAS**, bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, poor nutrition, pesticides (including insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides), parasites, diseases, and climate change; 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 growers; and

**WHEREAS**, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat:

- Provides diverse and abundant nectar and pollen from plants blooming in succession throughout the growing season;
- Provides undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, unmown fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering for wild pollinators;
- Provides water for drinking, nest-building, and butterfly puddling;
- Is free to nearly free of pesticides, as many pesticides can harm pollinators and/or their habitat;
- Is comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees, since many wild pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-adapted;
- Provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a long-term approach to maintaining healthy landscapes and facilities that minimizes risks to people and the environment by: identifying and removing the causes of pest problems rather than only attacking the symptoms (the pests); employing pests' natural enemies along with cultural, mechanical, and physical controls when prevention is not enough; and using pesticides only when no other method is feasible or effective; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting pollinators fosters broad-based community engagement in environmental awareness and sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, West Linn should be certified a BEE CITY USA® community because:

- The West Linn community has a genuine interest and passion for involvement in developing pollinator gardens in various parks and school grounds all over the City.
- Hundreds of volunteer hours have gone into the planting and maintenance of these gardens.
- A Bee City designation is an important tool to help educate and inform our citizens of the value of creating similar pollinator habitat and reducing the use of harmful pesticides around their own yards.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in order to enhance understanding among local government staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, The City of West Linn resolves to support and encourage healthy pollinator habitat creation and enhancement as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The West Linn Parks and Recreation Department is hereby designated as the BEE CITY USA® sponsor.

**SECTION 2.** The Director of Parks and Recreation is designated as the BEE CITY USA® Liaison.

**SECTION 3.** Facilitation of the West Linn BEE CITY USA® program is assigned to the West Linn Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

**SECTION 4.** The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Committee is authorized to and shall:

- a. **Celebration:** Host at least one educational event or pollinator habitat planting or restoration each year to showcase West Linn's commitment to raising awareness of pollinator conservation and expanding 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 West Linn website which includes, at minimum:
  - a copy of this resolution and links to the national BEE CITY USA® website;
  - contact information for your BEE CITY USA® Liaison and Committee;
  - reports of the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished the previous year(s); and
  - a recommended native plant species list and integrated pest management plan (explained below).
- c. **Habitat:** Develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat on public and private land, which includes, but is not limited to, the following actions:
  - Identify and inventory West Linn real property that can be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings.

- Create a recommended locally native plant list to include wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees and a list of local suppliers for those species.
  - Track (by square footage and/or acreage) annual area of pollinator habitat created or enhanced.
- d. **Pollinator-Friendly Pest Management:** Create and adopt an integrated pest management (IPM) plan designed to prevent pest problems, reduce pesticide use, and expand the use of non-chemical pest management methods.
- e. **Policy:** Establish, through the West Linn, a policy in the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, a plan of the West Linn Comprehensive Plan to acknowledge and commit to the BEE CITY USA® designation.
- f. **Plan Review:** Review the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and other relevant documents to: consider improvements to pest management policies and practices as they relate to pollinator conservation, identify appropriate locations for pollinator-friendly plantings, and consider other appropriate measures.
- g. **Renewal:** After completing the first calendar year as a BEE CITY USA® affiliate, each February, apply for renewal of the West Linn's BEE CITY USA® designation following the format provided by BEE CITY USA®, including a report of the previous years BEE CITY USA® activities, and paying the renewal fee based on West Linn's population.

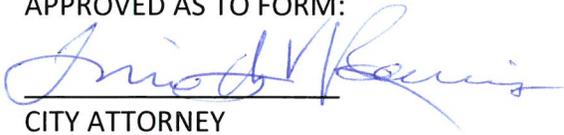
This resolution was PASSED and ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2019, and takes effect upon passage.

  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT TERI CUMMINGS

ATTEST:

  
KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
CITY ATTORNEY