



North Clackamas Celebrates Opening of BFG Pollinator Gardens in their Parks and Recreation District

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Parks, gardens, and greenspaces have become increasingly important to supporting the vitality of diverse pollinator species. North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) is supporting local pollinators by planting native flowering plant species in parks



and natural areas. Native plants are best adapted to the climate and soil conditions of a specific region, often making them more drought tolerant and low-maintenance. These plants have evolved to develop a mutually beneficial relationship with local wildlife and pollinators, and are the heart of a pollinator-friendly garden. NCPRD, in partnered efforts with Pollinator Partnership, have established 3 unique pollinator parks within Clackamas County, Oregon at Alma Myra Park, Hawthorne Park, and Stringfield Family Park.

Stringfield Park enhances pollinator habitat in the Oregon White Oak understory through careful selection of sun-loving, regionally native plant species, while enhancing historical oak savanna habitat.

Alma Myra Park enhances pollinator habitat in the Douglas fir understory through careful selection of shade-loving, regionally native plant species, while supporting pollinators in a forested system.

Hawthorne enhances pollinator habitat in full sun, with drought tolerant and regionally native plant species, providing pollinators with the food, water, shelter and nesting features required for their life-cycles.

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Through removal of invasive plants from parks and the installation and preservation of over 30 native flowering species to enhance habitat and protect native plant species, NCPRD has created healthy habitat for its native pollinators.



To promote the importance of these efforts, NCPRD held a community-wide Pollination Celebration during this year's Pollinator Week, to encourage the many practices that took place to execute functional pollinator habitat. This was all possible due to NCPRD's work to support local pollinators and the creation of three new pollinator gardens in the district, carefully and thoughtfully planted by the Natural Areas team, in coordination with Pollinator Partnership. Pollinator

Partnership was able to aid in habitat planning, material development, and event coordination. There were around 200 community members who attended the celebration, and every person was engaged and excited for the event and the resources and activities provided.

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