



# CITY OF FORT BRAGG

## News Release

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### BEE CITY USA RENEWS FORT BRAGG'S CERTIFICATION

Bee City USA® has renewed Fort Bragg's certification for 2019 following a rigorous renewal application process.

This completed the efforts to accomplish this recertification of Fort Bragg Bee City USA Committee, the facilitating committee efforts to engage the community in promoting pollinator-friendliness.

Bee City USA is an initiative of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, the largest pollinator protection organization in the world. The Bee City USA certification program galvanizes communities to sustain pollinators by providing them with healthy habitat. Imperiled pollinators like wild bees, honey bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and others are responsible for the reproduction of nearly ninety percent of the world's wild flowering plant species and one in every three bites of food we consume.

Our former City Council understood the importance of sustaining pollinators when they voted to become a Bee City USA affiliate in 2016. We commend Fort Bragg Bee City USA Committee for the impressive gains we made last year.

According to Cornelia Reynolds, chair of Fort Bragg Bee City USA Committee, "We have been able to build our Guest House Bee Garden because of the participation of many volunteers and businesses, who deserve our thanks. Thanksgiving Coffee Company has recently committed funding for planned interpretive signage at the garden. Sakina's Garden and Nursery has provided more than half the plants installed. Cold Creek Compost of Ukiah, and Fort Bragg's Dirt Cheap have donated compost."

The Bee City USA committee meets to garden and talk and invites all residents to offer their ideas for pollinator-friendly initiatives on the third Tuesday of the month at 3 PM at the Guest House Bee Garden

To see Fort Bragg's annual report as well as other Bee City USA affiliates' annual reports visit <https://www.beecityusa.org/annual-reports-city.html>.

For more information about the Fort Bragg Bee City USA program, visit a link to the Bee City USA Committee page on the City of Fort Bragg website;

<https://city.fortbragg.com/680/Bee-City-USA-Committee>

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