

P3 – Poulsbo Pollinator Project

The Poulsbo Pollinator Project (P3) launched in spring 2024 as a collaborative effort between Poulsbo Parks & Recreation, Hilder Pearson Elementary's Anchored 4 Life Club and student leadership team, and the Poulsbo Rotary Club. The first community planting took place at Veteran's Plaza in American Legion Park along Front Street in April 2024. With support from Crown Bees in Woodinville, students also installed four Orchard Mason Bee houses, which they maintain annually.

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Fall planting parties in late 2024 expanded the pollinator corridor with help from the Poulsbo Garden Club, Poulsbo Rotary, and community volunteers. These efforts introduced mostly native, pollinator-friendly plants into city parks.

[It's for the Bees! | Details](#)

[Poulsbo Pollinator Corridor](#)

Hilder Pearson students also designed six custom stickers, available at downtown merchants on Front Street and at Parks and Recreation. Proceeds support P3 efforts.

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Visit These Locations

Over the next year, explore these pollinator-friendly spaces:

- **American Legion Park** (Front Street)
- **Waterfront Park Pollinator Pathway** (near the renovated picnic area)
- **City Hall Pathway**

Hundreds of plants were added in 2025 and will take time to establish. These areas will continue to grow and fill in, with future plantings enhancing pathways and expanding existing and new locations. For an established pollinator habitat, visit the **Raab Park WSU Master Gardener Learning Garden**.

Partners

A big thank you to our supporters:

- Crown Bees
- Hilder Pearson Elementary
- Poulsbo Garden Club
- Poulsbo Rotary Club

- Poulsbo Tree Board
- Salish Trees Nursery

If you'd like to become involved with the project, please contact Parks Coordinator, Rachel Cornette: rcornette@cityofpoulsbo.com

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You can also support the effort by starting your own pollinator garden—whether in your yard or with a few plants in containers!

Learn More:

[Great Plant Picks: Unbeatable Plants for the Maritime Northwest Garden](#)

[Learn About Pollinator Conservation - Bee City USA](#)

Xerces Society has abundant information on attracting and preserving invertebrates and other incredible creatures in our gardens:

[Pollinator Conservation Resources: Pacific Northwest Region | Xerces Society](#)

[Create Your Pollinator Garden - Pollinator Pathway NW](#)

Salish Magazine article on Spring Time Bees – [Springtime Bees | Salish Magazine](#)

[Rebecca McMackin: Let your garden grow wild | TED Talk](#)

[Pollinator Habitat | Washington State Department of Agriculture](#)

Local Nurseries for Native Plants for P3

Poulsbo Parks and Recreation does not endorse any specific nursery. However, the nurseries listed below can be a helpful starting point for those looking to create pollinator-friendly gardens and vibrant neighborhood landscapes.

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Bainbridge Gardens 206-842-5888 Bainbridge Island Often has a selection of native plants <u>Bainbridge Gardens</u>	Roadhouse Nursery 360.779.9589 Poulsbo Often has a selection of natives <u>Roadhouse Nursery - Garden Plants, Aquatic Plants</u>
The Brothers Greenhouses 360.674.2558 Port Orchard Often has a selection of natives <u>The Brothers Greenhouses - Home</u>	Salish Trees Nursery 607.259.9794 Kingston Carries native plants specifically <u>Salish Trees Nursery</u>
Cooleen Gardens 360-377-3209 Bremerton <u>Home - Cooleen Gardens</u>	Woodbrook Native Plant Nursery 253.857.6808 Gig Harbor Carries native plants specifically <u>Woodbrook Native Plant Nursery Home</u>
Olmsted's 360-598-1802 Poulsbo <u>Home - Olmsted's Nursery</u>	Valley Nursery 360.779.3806 Poulsbo <u>Valley Nursery Poulsbo's go to place for your plant & garden needs</u>