

Eugene, Oregon, Recognized as a Bee-Friendly City

An environmental group dedicated to protecting bees has given Eugene a Bee City USA designation.

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EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Eugene is a fine place to be if you're a bee.

The Register-Guard reports that an environmental group dedicated to protecting bees, butterflies and pollinators has given the [Oregon \(/news/best-states/oregon\)](#) city a Bee City USA designation.

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Eugene is the 71st city to get the honor from the Xerces Society
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An international decline in bee populations has environmentalists worried about the insects.

Five years ago, beekeepers and others urged Eugene leaders to stop using a pesticide suspected of killing honeybees at a golf course and on downtown flower pots. The city stopped using the pesticide in 2014.

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Eugene also received the designation because it has 10 parks where herbicides are not used.

Krystal Abrams of Beyond Toxics, a Eugene-based environmental group, says the city uses pesticides sparingly, only when it has to control an outbreak.

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