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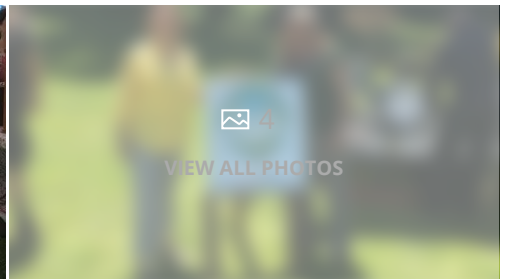
Bee City finds a new home in Eugene

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EUGENE, Ore. — A new title for Eugene today — the city has officially become an affiliate of Bee City USA.

Sunday marks the ribbon cutting in Eugene as an affiliate of Bee City USA.

"It's fabulous," said Lynne Fessenden, the program coordinator. "I think it's been on the list for Eugene and I think we could've done it a while ago but we're here now and it's great."

A title that requires some dedication from our community.

"We can be a model for other communities in terms of how to live gently on the landscape preserving those ecosystems, reducing pollution, reducing the contaminants protecting habitats that enables pollinators to thrive," said Mayor Lucy Vinis.

This city wide resolution to adopt Bee City USA standards was presented one year ago. Today that hard work has paid off as Eugene has officially become a Bee City.

Krystal Abrams tells me she and her team at beyond toxics have been working hard for

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"So anything that we can do to actually build more habitat for our native pollinators is going to support their population in this area and keep them safe," said Abrams, the project manager for Beyond Toxics.

Another group making a difference, save the bees.

So far they have fundraised hundreds of thousands towards bee research at OSU.

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