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## News Release – September 19th, 2018

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### Eugene Bee Survey Report Released

**EUGENE, ORE.** – A new report has been released based on data collected by a coalition of local groups, including Beyond Toxics and the Walama Restoration Project this summer.

What is the importance of this report? As pollinating wild bee species decline, it's increasingly important to implement regular monitoring of wild bee species in our communities. Factors impacting bee abundance and diversity range from deforestation and insecticide applications to climate change and environmental policy.

“Bee monitoring projects like this help us understand what’s going on with the dynamics of population and diversity variation in bee communities and ultimately empower communities to protect wild bee populations and preserve the continuity of the important pollination service they offer,” says Krystal Abrams, Social Media and Pollinator Projects Manager for Beyond Toxics.

Beyond Toxics and Walama Restoration Project are hosting a Science Pub and Trivia Night at Wildcraft Ciderworks Tuesday September 25th, 5:00pm-7:00pm. There will be a short update about our work and bee survey results followed by native plant and bee-themed trivia for the community to participate in and win cool prizes!

Maya Goklany, Community Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator for the Walama Restoration Project says, “We were pleasantly surprised by the diversity of bee tribes, genera, and species identified during the survey. Not only will this information contribute to building the Oregon Bee Atlas, a project that seeks to catalogue all native bee species across the state, but it demonstrates that restoring native habitats in urban parks is an effective course of action to conserve pollinators.”

For more information about Walama Restoration Project, visit <http://walamarestoration.org/>

For information about the bee survey and to download a copy of the report, visit <http://www.beyondtoxics.org/work/save-oregons-bees/eugene-bee-survey/>

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