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## News Release – July 10, 2017

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### 1st Annual Community Bee Count

*Meet at the North Side of the Knickerbocker Bike Bridge – Alton Baker Park*

**EUGENE, ORE.** – The 1st Annual Community Bee Count in Eugene, to be held this Saturday, July 15th from 10 AM – 12 PM is organized by Beyond Toxics and Walama Restoration Project, with support from Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Native bees play a crucial role pollinating plants in our fields, gardens and landscapes. The Community Bee Count aims to help people find out more about pollinator and plant interactions in Oregon (approximately 500), the threats they face, and what they can do to help them. Participants will count the bees they spot in our local Alton Baker Park in order to help grow our understanding of Oregon's native pollinator species as well as their habitat and forage. Conservation issues will be addressed, for example, how they're coping with impacts such as climate change, habitat loss, pesticide use – so that ultimately we can reverse their decline.

Join Eugene's 1st Annual Bee Count and find out more about these fascinating creatures and how to identify them. It's fun, free and educational!

There are lots of things people can do to support our imperilled pollinators, from creating bee-friendly gardens and avoiding pesticides, to putting pressure on our government to do more to safeguard these precious pollinators.

Beyond Toxics and Walama Restoration Project are encouraging people to come together and find out more about Oregon's native bees and the crucial role they play pollinating our wild flowers, garden plants and crops.

This site is not accessible via vehicle. Street side parking is available along Walnut Street near the East site entrance of Alton Baker Park. Data sheets, clipboards, pens, drinking water and snacks will be provided.

For more info call **541-465-8860** or email [kabrams@beyondtoxics.org](mailto:kabrams@beyondtoxics.org).

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