



(BIG)
A COLLABORATIVE
COMMUNITY MOVEMENT

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

Interested in attending BIG educational workshops? Want to learn more about supporting pollinator health, community food systems, and water conservation? Interested in planting your own BIG garden? Just plain curious? Get in touch!

BEEINSPIRED.USU.EDU

or contact

Roslynn Brain
roslynn.brain@usu.edu
435-259-7432



OUR FOUNDING PARTNERS:

Bureau of Land Management
City of Moab
Community Rebuilds
Grand County Conservation District
Moab Charter School
MoaBees Beekeeping Group
USDA Natural Resources Conservation
Service
USU Extension Sustainability
Wildland Scapes
Youth Garden Project



WHAT IS BIG?

BIG is a collaborative movement to create a corridor of pollinator-friendly, perennial, edible, water-wise gardens using permaculture principles in Moab, Utah. Permaculture is designing in a way that mimics natural ecosystems. Examples include looking at relationships among plants, stacking functions, digging rainwater harvesting swales, and building healthy soil.

MISSION:

To inspire locals and visitors using gardens, workshops, and classes in a way that demonstrates and supports efforts toward pollinator health, community food systems, water conservation and an economy that provides for our people and benefits our ecology.

WHY BIG?

Moab is located in the Colorado Plateau, a rich and unique ecosystem. It is estimated that 10% of the plant species found here are only found in this area.

Moab's unique geography and variety of pollinators, including beetles, flies, butterflies, birds the European honey bee, and approximately 900 native bee species, has inspired old and new residents to help sustain this diversity through growing perennial, drought tolerant, and native plants.

WELCOME TO A MOAB BEE INSPIRED GARDEN

Enjoy and Discover:
 Pollinators
 Community food systems
 Water conservation

POLLINATORS AND YOU
 Do you have a garden or fruit trees? Do you enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables? If so, you have already entered into a **partnership with pollinators.** Without the help of pollinating bees, butterflies, moths and other insects, many of our favorite plants would not have their flowers fertilized or produce fruit. With an abundance of diverse flowering plants, our pollinator partners can make a living and thrive. By planting pollinator friendly gardens, the Moab community is helping improve the global issue of pollinator decline. Steps we can all take to help pollinators, and ourselves, include...
 • Plant a diverse range of flowers, shrubs and trees that local pollinators are adapted to
 • Minimize water-intensive lawns that offer little habitat or food for pollinators
 • Reduce the use of pesticides and herbicides and ensure their correct use

WORKING WITH NATURE
 You are looking at an **ecological garden.** It combines elements of organic landscaping, wildlife gardens, and native plants and is designed to conserve water. The variety of plants were chosen for multiple purposes, including:
 • Pollinator support
 • Food production
 • Aesthetics
 • Attracting beneficial insects
 • Drought resistance
 • Soil fertilization
 • Improving air quality
 • Fostering the growth of other plants
 A diversity of plants decreases the need for pesticides and herbicides as nature does the work of balancing the ecosystem. Discover what ideas you can glean from this garden and apply to your own landscape. The key is to view your landscape as a system that intersects with the surrounding environment.

Supporting Partners:
 Utah State University Extension Southern Utah | Community Moab | Moab Charter School | Moab Charter School High School Program | Walked Green | Moab Beekeeping Group | Moab Beekeeping Cooperative Society

BEE INSPIRED GARDENS MOAB, UTAH

BIG LOCATIONS

-  **Aarchway Inn**
1551 U.S. 191, Moab
-  **Canyonlands Field Institute
Professor Valley Field Camp**
Mile 19, Hwy 128, Moab
-  **Community Rebuilds Intern Campus**
808 Mill Creek Dr. Moab
-  **Goose Island**
Bureau Of Land Management Moab, UT-128
-  **Moab Charter School**
358 East 300, South Moab
-  **Rotary Park**
680 East Mill Creek Drive, Moab
-  **USU Moab**
125 West 200 South, Moab
-  **Youth Garden Project**
530 Fourth East Street, Moab

