



# 2022 Seedling Grant Update





## Infrastructure Updates: Pollinator Garden

- Through this grant, Lund was able to make improvements to our pollinator garden, which has become a highlight of our childcare program
- Childcare staff shared the joy their students have learning and watching hummingbirds, bees and butterflies
- Students have also recognized pollination happening in the community through their Forest Friday activities





# Grant Impact: Becoming Stewards of the Earth

When asked about a story demonstrating the impact of this grant, one teacher shared “This may sound strange, but it was the dill! Through planting seeds and watching them grow, my students felt a sense of ownership and responsibility saying to one another ‘we planted these Seeds.’ Then, one day, a student noticed a caterpillar on the ground, which happened to be a swallowtail caterpillar who loves dill. Students were really excited and wanted to learn everything they could about this caterpillar. I watched as they built a connection with the world around them, develop empathy and become stewards of the earth.”



# Fostering Authentic Inquiry and Curiosity

- An unexpected outcome of this grant was a focus on research and discovery, especially for our preschoolers. Through the garden, students began asking questions about the environment, about animals, and really latched on to **experiential learning element** of the garden.
- **Students learned together**, which became a gateway to researching more about what they were seeing. This opportunity would not have presented itself without the garden.











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