

Signatory and Associate Members

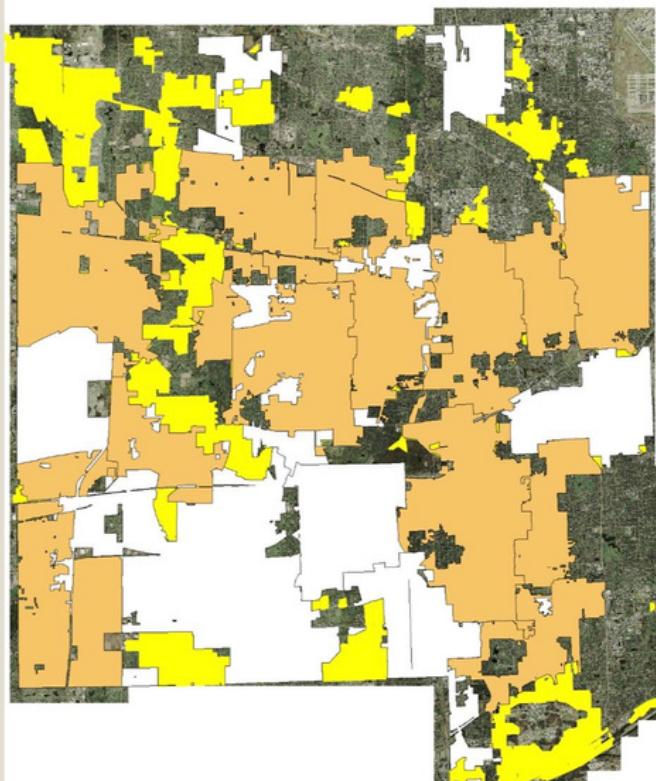
Conservation Updates

2022

Dupage Monarch Project;
Communities Protecting Pollinators

District Activities and DMP Highlights

- 28 Signatories:
 - Orange = municipalities
 - White = park districts
 - Yellow = FPDCC
- 17 Associates:
 - Bloomingdale Public Library
 - Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills
 - Darien Garden Club
 - Darien Swim and Recreation Club
 - DuPage County Fairgrounds
 - DuPage County Farm Bureau
 - Elmhurst Garden Club
 - Fermilab Natural Areas
 - Illinois Prairie Path
 - Immigrant Solidarity DuPage
 - Lombard Garden Club
 - The Garden Works Project
 - Warrenville in Bloom
 - Wheaton Garden Club
 - Winfield Riverwalk Park Pollinator Committee



Signatory and Associate Member Conservation Initiatives

Aurora

2014 - Fox River planting on west shoreline from WCC to north of Hollywood Casino, ongoing with annual maintenance
** Fox River east shoreline 500 linear feet north of New York St, partially funded by ComEd/Open Lands grant
** Pollinator habitat in three raised beds on Water St Mall, Millennium Park, downtown rain gardens, Phillips Park Zoo, Phillips Park Golf Course
** Pollinator information page on City's [website](#)

Bloomingdale

2021 - Signed Mayors Monarch Pledge
2021 - Planted and registered a monarch waystation
2022 - Signed Mayors Monarch Pledge
2022 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project

Bloomingdale Park District

2009 - several acres at Lakeview Park restored as a natural area
2013 - Restoration of natural areas at Sunnyside Park
2014 - Inventory and prescriptive management plans developed for natural areas
2014 - Pizzo & Associates managing Springfield Parks Wetland with a prescribed burn and establishing native species
2018 - Renovation of Circle Park included a nature themed playground, a rain garden and a nature trail

Bloomingdale Park District cont'd

2020 - two acres of manage wetlands added in Circle and Westlake Parks
2021 - Signed DMP resolution
2021 - Two acre turf to meadow conversion began at Westlake Park

Carol Stream

2016 - Monarch butterfly painting by Jan Smith was selected as the graphic for the annual vehicle sticker

2016 - The Village received a \$10,000 grant through the ComEd Open Lands program (along with donations from Baxter & Woodman, CH2M, and Bedrock Earthscapes) and developed a native prairie at the Water Reclamation Center (WRC).

2019 - Four residential lots (30,000 sq. ft) purchased for flood control were seeded by Bedrock Earthscapes. There is a maintenance agreement with Bedrock for these areas.



Carol Stream Park District

Jan Smith Park is a showcase natural area for the community and is maintained by volunteers and staff

2019 - A wet area at the Bark Park was converted from turf to native plantings and includes educational signage

2022 - Parking lot areas at Simkus Rec Center are planted with milkweed and designated as waystations

2022 - A Natural Areas Master Plan is under development

2022 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project

Darien (City)

2021 - Signed DMP Resolution and NWF Mayors for Monarchs Pledge

2021 - Converting 3.5 acres of turf to meadow at the corner of 74th and Elm.

Darien Park District

2019 - Converted .08 acres of Chestnut Park to habitat with funding from the Gift of Carl

2020 - sign DMP resolution

2020 - Chestnut Park registered as a monarch waystation

2020 - Habitat added to Birchwood Pond, South Grove Playground and Darien Community Center

2021 - habitat planting at Holly Park

2021 - Going Green page added to website

Downers Grove (Village)

2018 - A pollinator garden is coming to the open areas near the Belmont underpass. The grass inside the turnarounds at Warren Ave and Belmont Rd is being replaced with sustainable native plants to attract and provide a habitat for pollinators. The garden will also include milkweed to target Monarch butterflies, building on efforts by surrounding suburbs to develop a "Monarch corridor" along the BNSF railroad

2019 - Interpretative signage added to the Belmont Station Pollinator Project, Pierce

Downer Heritage Alliance volunteers and city staff added forbs to the Belmont Station Pollinator Project

2022 - Converted 10 bioswales from turf to native plants

2022 - Converted 3 medians on Claremont from turf to native species

2022 - Planted two rain gardens, one at Public Works Facility, 5101 Walnut Ave and one at Otis and Florence.

2022 - Planted native and wetland plants in the new Belle Aire detention basin

2022 - Created a bio swale/rain garden at Lee & Grant park

2022 - Made two videos, Native Plants for Habitat and Storm Water Management and Monarchs, Migration and Milkweed

DuPage County

2013 - Present - DuPage County has added or renovated 25 acres of native plant habitat on its Wheaton campus. Four species of milkweed are maintained on campus as well as a diverse suite of plants that support pollinators throughout the growing season.

2018 - The county became a Level I Arboretum, certified by ArbNet. All new trees, shrubs, and plants are native, further supporting our native insects and wildlife and setting an example for over 1 million annual visitors.

2018 - 2021 - Over 400 mostly native species of shrubs and trees have been planted on the County Campus

2021 - 1/2 acre of turf at the County Campus is undergoing transition to a meadow

2022 - Maintenance of natural areas is ongoing

Elmhurst (City)

2008 - 2018 - Five public schools registered waystations

2015 - Elmhurst College registered a waystation

2017 - Elmhurst Garden Club proclaimed 2017 The Year of the Monarch

2017 - Children's Monarch Fest as part of the Elmhurst Garden Walk and Faire

2019 - Commitment to pilot program at the Armitage tower site for organic lawn care in 2020

2019 - Fischer School is partnering with ComEd and Mighty acorns to restore a ComEd ROW to native habitat

Elmhurst Park District

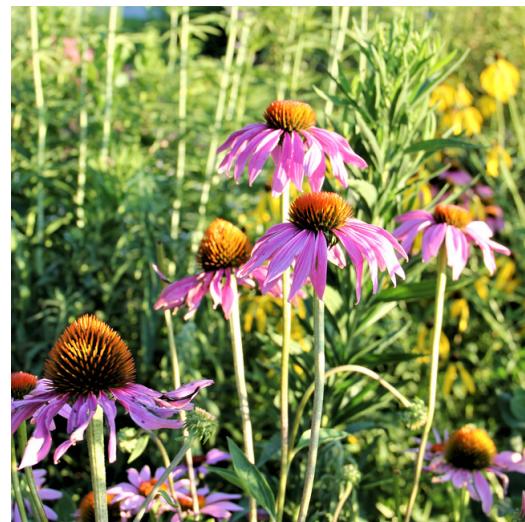
2007 - 2016 Registered four waystations located at 4 park sites

2015 - 2017 Local Eagle Scouts installed more than 30 nesting boxes for native bees throughout the District.

2017 - Co-sponsor of Children's Monarch Festival held at Elmhurst Garden Walk & Faire

2017 - Planted twelve flats of milkweed provided by the Elmhurst Garden Club in four Park District parks which contain Monarch Waystations

2022 - Partnered with the Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition on establishing a native plant demonstration garden at Wilder Park Conservatory



Prairie Path butterfly garden planted by Warrenville in Bloom

Fox Valley Park District

2016 - Member of The Fox Valley Monarch Corridor Project, a 12 member collaboration. Over the next two years, forest preserve districts, park districts, township open space districts and private conservation organizations will be enhancing nearly 1,000 acres of land in the Fox Valley by growing milkweed seed, distributing seeds and plants and putting plants in the ground.

2019 - Work began on 17.4 acres of habitat at the Stuart Sports Complex, funded in part by ComEd Clean Energy grant

2020 - Recipient of the Jane Foulser Habitat Award

2020 - Work continues on Stuart Sports Complex habitat project with funding from Illinois Clean Energy Foundation

2020 - Funding received from Illinois Clean Energy Foundation for Pollinator Educational Habitat at Lippold Park adjacent to the District's Red Oak Nature Center

2021 - Lippold Park was seeded in March, In October, native forbs, grasses and shrubs were planted

2021 - Lippold Park's Pollinator Educational Habitat reached 600 pre-teen youth through summer camps, girl scouts and a Student Scientist program for 5th grade students.

2022- Rec'd Pat Miller Community Engagement Award

2022 - .3 acres of habitat added at Lippold Park

2022 - 5.0 acres south of Red Oak Nature Center preserved as open space and natural area in perpetuity

2022 - 6.6 acres of turf grass along Blackberry Creek converted to natural area & pollinator habitat

2021-22 - 750 students participated in pollinator curricula

2022 - Hosted and taught 330 elementary students from local schools

2021-22 - 1,200 students, scouts, American Heritage girls interacted with the Lippold Park Educational Pollinator Habitat

2022 - 100 Waubonsie Valley High School students germinated seeds indoors then in the spring the plants were added to Waubonsie Lake Park

2022 - Helen Wohlfeil, Supervisor of Horticulture, and Waubonsie Valley students assembled "seed bombs" and launched them along the Waubonsie Lake Park hillside, an area managed by the park district



Looking for butterflies
Fox Valley Park District

Glen Ellyn (Village)

2015-Partnered with School District 41, GE Public Library, Glen Ellyn Park District, and Forest Preserve District of DuPage County to offer monarch educational outreach and installed educational banners

2016 - Began converting 14 acres at Manor Woods to habitat by removing invasives and planting native forbs and grasses

2016 - In collaboration with Glen Ellyn Park District, added Milkweed and other pollinator friendly species to a planting bed between Crescent Blvd and a parking lot

2017 - Continued conversion of 14 acres at Manor Woods to habitat

2017 - In collaboration with Lincoln Elementary School, converted a ~15' diameter circular patch of turf into a "Pollinator Patch" as part of a Problem-Based Learning lesson with 2nd grade students.

2018 - Continued collaboration with Lincoln Elementary School's Problem-Based Learning lesson. Harvested native grass seed and native wildflower seed to be sown in Manor Woods the following Spring.

2018 - Prescribed burn in Manor Woods to promote native grass and wildflower growth and prep site for sowing harvested seeds.

2018 - Began 3-year conversion and stewardship project on an approx. 1-acre detention area at Stacy Ct & Emerson Ave. Removed invasive phragmites and planted with a sedge meadow seed mix and a Low-Profile Mesic/Wet Prairie seed mix.

2019 - Native seeds collected the previous fall were hand sown into bare and sparse areas in Manor Woods.

Glen Ellyn (Village) cont'd

2019 - Installation of 2000 plugs containing native grass, sedge, and perennial plants at the Stacy Ct & Emerson Ave detention area.

2020 - Initiated a bank stabilization and improvement project on an approx. 1/2-acre parcel of shoreline adjacent to Riford Rd with the purpose of providing native vegetation with deep root systems and providing flowering species throughout the growing season.

2020 - Continued stewardship at the Stacy Ct & Emerson Ave detention area.

2021 - Continued stewardship at the bank stabilization site adjacent to Riford Rd.

2021 - Prescribed burn at the Stacy Ct & Emerson Ave detention area.

2022 - Continued stewardship at Stacy Ct & Emerson Ave detention area and bank stabilization project adjacent to Riford Rd.

2022 - Signed DuPage Monarch Project Resolution.



Karen Brittain, DuPage Monarch Project volunteer, planting pollinator bed
Glen Ellyn

Glen Ellyn Park District

2015 - Partnered with School District 41, GE Public Library, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and the Village of Glen Ellyn to offer monarch educational outreach, put up banners, provided milkweed seeds, and installed two butterfly gardens, one at Maryknoll Park and one near parking lot of Crescent and Glenwood Avenue. Participants who installed the gardens received milkweed plants (total of 760 given away).

2016 - Village of Glen Ellyn's Environmental Commission and Park District offered "We Support Pollinator" signs as part of an awareness campaign.

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2016 - In collaboration with the Village of Glen Ellyn, added milkweed and nectar plants to a planting between a parking lot and Crescent Ave

2016 - Turf conversion project began at Maryknoll Park. Two and a half acres were planted to a low-stature prairie that will offer habitat. Project is on-going.

2017 - 2018 - In collaboration with the Village of Glen Ellyn hosted two Sustainable Yard Tours

2018 - Native tree and shrub sale co-offered by The Conservation Foundation and Village's Environmental Commission

2018 - Registered waystations at two parks, Churchill and Maryknoll

2018 - Milkweed plants and nectar sources added to natural areas and park gardens

2018 - Continuing to offer monarch education programs at schools and camps

2019 - Summer nature camp program incorporates monarch education. Some sessions planted milkweed and flowers

2019 - Naturalist visits to park district preschool programs included pollinator education

2019 - Annual collection and dispersal of milkweed seeds in park natural areas

2019 - Sustainable Yard Tours and a Native Tree and Shrub sale - both with components that support pollinator and monarch efforts.

2020 - With funding from ComEd's Greenest Region Program, expanded the butterfly garden, purchased plant labels, installed interpretative signage featuring QR codes for additional info supporting pollinators and expanded the pollinator meadow at Maryknoll Park.

2020 - In conjunction with The Conservation Foundation and Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission held the annual native shrub and tree sale in Sept.

2022 - removed a combined 2 acres of invasives from Manor, Ackerman and Churchill Parks

2022 - Seeded a slope at Newton Park with some natives, more will be added

2022 - Environmental Educator Laurie Bellmar raised monarchs in an outdoor enclosure at the Spring Ave Recreation Center. Preschool students observed the changes at weekly intervals. The butterflies were tagged and released

2022 - Participated in NRPA's Parks4Pollinators BioBlitz



Glendale Heights (Village)

2017 - Added monarch/pollinator plants to an ornamental bed at the Historic House

2018 - Planted a Monarch Waystation at Mill Pond Park.

2018 - Glenside Library and Immigrant Solidarity Dupage planted Monarch Waystation at the library

2019 - Hosted a showing of The Guardians.

2019 - Plants added to the Glenside Library monarch garden

Hanover Park Park District

2020 - Registered Community Center planting as a waystation

2021 - Signed DMP resolution

2021 - Planted and registered 3,000 sq ft waystation

2022 - Planted a 4,500 sq ft monarch garden in the flagpole island at the East Lot of the Community Center. It was an Eagle Scout Project

Itasca Park District

Springbrook Nature Center provides pollinator habitat in wetland, woodland and prairie areas and year round outdoor and environmental education programs.

2022 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project



Spring Brook Nature Center

Lisle Park District

2011 – Hired its first Naturalist and began expanding natural areas and no-mow zones. Began concerted effort to expand the use of native plants and seed mixes in park restoration projects.

2014 – Installed six honey bee hives in Community Park that are managed by a professional beekeeper. Honey harvested is available for public purchase at the Lisle Park District Recreation Center and various special events.

2019 – Conservation Foundation certified Abbeywood Park and native flower beds at the Recreation Center as environmentally friendly.

2019 – Installed four additional honey bee hives in River Road Park

2019 – District initiated a Pesticide Free Pilot Program at four of its parks. Hosted kick-off event at Leask Lane Park on June 2nd.

Received community donations from Stonyfield Organic Yogurt and Jewel-Osco totaling \$10,000 to advance the District's efforts. Hosted press event at Connelly Memorial Park on August 17 attended and supported by Illinois State Representative Terra Costa Howard, State Senator Suzy Glowiak Hilton and US Representative Sean Casten.

2019 – Board of Park Commissioners adopted a Resolution "Authorizing the Director of Parks & Recreation to enhance and expand available habitat for Monarch Butterflies and other Native Pollinators."

Lisle Park District (cont'd)

2019 – With Midwest Grows Green, Stonyfield Organic Yogurt and Osborne Organics, hosted a free Organic Parks Workshop on October 24th to promote the use of organic park maintenance and the importance of soil biology, cultural practices and other natural lawn care concepts.

2021 - Continued to remove invasive species: honeysuckle, buckthorn, mulberry, pear, garlic mustard, teasel, purple loosestrife, crown vetch, birds foot trefoil, and reed canary grass

2021 - seeded previously mulched tree rings in 10 parks with native plants consisting of 12 different species, two of which were different milkweed species

2021 - grew over 250 grasses, sedges and forbs for planting in natural areas and traditional landscapes

2021 - collected acorns and are preparing to grow 500 seedlings

2021 - preparing to grow about 750 native perennials, consisting of 15 different species, three of which are different milkweed species, to plant in 2022.

2022 - Received Jane Foulser Habitat Award for the Oak Regeneration Project



Lombard (Village)

2020 - Signed DMP Resolution

2021 - Bedrock Earthscape provided maintenance for 10 habitat plantings: Pond perimeters at Terrace View Pond, Morris Pond, Village Complex Pond Dry Pond Bottoms at Grace & Central, Echo Pond, Parker & Kaplan, Surges Existing Natural Areas - Parking lots at Public Works, Hammerschmidt Commuter, 20 E St Charles Rd Commuter

2022 - Ongoing maintenance of natural areas



2022 Conservation Updates

Naperville Park District

2016 - Raised and released 35 monarch butterflies as an ongoing educational display at Knoch Knolls Nature Center

2016 - Passed a Monarch Resolution

2017 - Designated a Monarch Waystation at Knoch Knolls Park

2017 - Raised, tagged and released 40 monarch butterflies as an ongoing educational display at Knoch Knolls Nature Center

2017 - Hosted Monarch Festival at Knoch Knolls Park/Nature Center

2018 - Added habitat at Knoch Knolls Park

2018 - Designated a Monarch Waystation at Ron Ory Community Garden Plots Idea Garden

2018 - Added habitat along parking lot at Ron Ory Community Gardens

2020 - Recipient Pat Miller Community Engagement Award

2020 - Shoreline Restorations at Clow Creek Greenway and 95th Street Community Plaza Pond added 1.8 acres of habitat

2020 - 1.79 acres of habitat added to Pollinator Meadows in Stanford Meadows Park and Will-O-Way Commons Park

2020 - Wolf's Crossing Community Park is underdevelopment and will include 5.33 acres of pollinator habitat

2020 - NPD uses Integrated Pest Management and has discontinued neonicotinoid based pesticides for grub control, replacing them with beneficial



nematodes and a specific bacteria. Some athletic fields are not watered for a week in July to inhibit egg laying.

2020 - Springbrook and Naperbrook Gold courses maintain areas of pollinator plants, allow milkweed to spread naturally and do not use insecticides

2021 - Rec'd the Jane Foulser Habitat Award

2021 - Habitat added: Clow Creek Shoreline Restoration (2 acres), Springbrook Parkway Park Meadow (1.1 acres), Arrowhead Park Meadow (.85 acres), Redfield Commons Park Meadow (.21 acres), Brook Crossings Pond (.6 acres) Frontier Sports Complex (new berm, 2.4 acres)

2021 - Three spring wildflower walks

2022 - 700 pollinator plants planted in Hobson West Ponds as part of an Eagle Scout project

2022 - 1 acre of turf converted to meadow at Brighton Ridge

2022 - 850 LF of stream bank restored at Clow Creek

2022 - 2.5 acres of natural areas added along Clow Creek shoreline

2022 - .5 acres of habitat planted on pond shoreline at Bailey Hobson Woods

2022 - River Crest Estates Park, 2.7 acres seeded with natives

2022 - Commissioner Park - 3.3 acres seeded winter of 2022-23

2022 - 9 acres seeded at various locations winter 2022-23

2022 - Biohaven Floating Island installed in retention pond at Frontier Sports Complex

2022 - Scouts, youth volunteers and adults volunteered to plant at Hobson West Ponds

2022 - Volunteers collected seed at Frontier Sports Complex

Oak Brook Park District

- 2019 - Signed monarch resolution
- 2019 - Dean Nature Sanctuary is developing an apiary for pollinator health
- 2019 - Ginger Creek restoration will include milkweed and native plants
- 2021 - collected pounds of seed for use in establishing a new natural area in 2022
- 2021 - installed three rain gardens
- 2022 - planted a butterfly garden at the Family Recreation Center

Villa Park

- 2017 - In collaboration with the Villa Park Economic Commission, Environmental Commission, Kenilworth Watch Group, Community Pride Commission, Villa Park Garden Club, The Conservation Foundation and DuPage Monarch Project planted five butterfly gardens along the Great Western Trail.



Warrenville Public Library

- 2021 - Signed a DMP Resolution
- 2021 - Display celebrating the resolution included books for all ages about monarch butterflies and how to plant monarch-friendly habitat
- 2021 - Program by FPDDC with tips for attracting pollinators (50 attendees)
- 2021 - A STEAM Team Challenge featured a take home kit that included supplies to make a butterfly feeder plus a planter, soil and wildflower seeds
- 2021 - Maintained pollinator landscaping
- 2021 - Distributed milkweed seed to visitors

Warrenville (City)

- 2016 - Pollinator and native plant resource page on City's website
- 2016 - Pollinator garden planted by Homeowners Association at Warrenville Lakes
- 2017 - Article published in the *Resource Newsletter* on Monarch butterflies
- 2019 - Warrenville in Bloom planted a pollinator garden at Warrenville Public Library
- 2019 - Pollinator Garden planted by Maple Hill Homeowners Association
- 2022 - A 10,000 sq ft natural area is being seeded with native plants along the Illinois Prairie Path as part of a project that includes a new butterfly garden, interpretative signage, restroom, an area funded by the IPP which includes a kiosk, council ring and native plants. Completion anticipated in spring 2023

Warrenville Park District

- 2019 - Hosted a viewing of The Guardians, a documentary about the challenges facing the monarchs overwintering refuges in Mexico

West Chicago (City)

2017 - Demonstration garden planted at City Hall

2018 - Conducting an inventory of appropriate sites for additional waystations

2019 - Declared 2019 as The Year of the Butterfly

2019 - West Chicago Garden Club included milkweed at the Blooming Fest Plant Sale

2019 - The Butterfly Effect, a public art project, installed 36 artist painted butterflies in public spaces throughout the community

2019 - Gallery 200, West Chicago High School and master naturalist Judi Horsley hosted viewings of The Guardians, a documentary about the challenges facing the monarch's overwintering territory in Mexico

2019 - The annual Christmas tree is decorated with butterflies.

2019 - West Chicago is recognized by DuPage Monarch Project for outstanding monarch community engagement and conservation initiatives

2020 - Pollinator garden planted at Don Earley Park. It will serve as a laboratory for citizen science involvement.

2020 - Planted a butterfly shaped native plant garden at Reed-Keppler Park

2021 - Renewed commitment to NWF Mayors for Monarchs

2021 - Pollinator Program page added to City's website

2021 - Art Bee display at Kruse House Gardens

Westmont (Village)

2017 - ongoing: The Villages of Clarendon Hills and Westmont are working together to design and develop the Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary. This new facility will be located on the unused 0.15 acre Village public road right of way, between the Village of Clarendon Hills Public Works facility and the Downers Grove Township Highway Garage, south of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad. This right-of-way is owned by both the Village of Clarendon Hills and the Village of Westmont. Once completed, the Gardens will provide a new place in our communities to promote education programs about natural and organic gardening methods and our environment.

2018 - Registered a monarch waystation located in downtown Westmont

2020 - Seeded 4.28 acres of a detention area in the Ashford subdivision with site appropriate native species

2020 - Continued work on the Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary (REGA) project. Added a short grass prairie planting and shrubs and trees.

2021 - *NO MOW til MOTHERS DAY.*

2021 - Rec'd Pat Miller Community Engagement Award for No Mow til Mothers Day

2021 - Continue development of Richmond Educational Garden

2022 - No Mow May



Westmont cont'd

2022 - Work was completed on the Addington Plaza project near the train station. Landscaping focused on native and pollinator supporting plants.

2022 - 5 monarch waystations planted

2022 - Two detention basins undergoing transformation to habitat by removing invasives and planting with natives species

2022 - Vacant lot at 59th and Williams along St Johns Creek was cleared of trash and invasives. The stream back was stabilized with sediment logs, logs and wetland plants. The project will continue in 2023.

Wheaton (City)

2019 - The City of Wheaton, Wheaton Environmental Improvement Commission and Wheaton Park District are planning for the 20th anniversary of the Native Plant Sale in 2020

Wheaton Park District

2016 - Registered five monarch waystations

2018 - Registered one waystation

2019 - Worked with SCARCE to reduce the amount of chemicals put on surfaces as well as to dramatically increase the number of native plants in the parks.

2019 - Held 19th Annual Native Plant Sale

2021 - provided weeding and watering for pollinator planting at Seven Gables Park

Wheaton Park District cont'd

2021 - Added pollinator plants to landscaping at Central Athletic Complex, Community Center parking lot, Rice pool landscape and Northside pool

Winfield

2019 - Signed Monarch Resolution

Woodridge Park District

2018 - Native seed installed around Lake Carleton and buffer significantly expanded

2018 - Native seed mix installed along streambanks in 63rd St and Summerhill Parks

2019 - Triangle Park, turf field replaced with a stormwater basin planted with native species

2019 - Hawthorne Hill Woods open turf area converted to native plantings, approximately 0.75 acre

2020 - Ides Grove West Pond buffer expanded using native seed mix

2021 - Ides Grove West tornado damaged area, which was formerly wooded, installed prairie seed mix, approximately 3 acres

2021 - 83rd St Park - approx 3000 sq ft. bioswale planted with natives

2021 - Signed DMP resolution

2022 - WPD, Woodridge Rotary Club and DMP planted a 20x20 section of the bioswale and installed an interpretative sign



Associate Members

Bloomingdale Public Library

2021 - Planted the Dominic Froio Memorial Garden, a monarch and pollinator garden
2022 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project
2022 - Collected seed from the DFMG for germinating and planting in 2023

Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills

2019 - planted 50 milkweed plants
2020 - planted 50 milkweed plants
2021 - plan to add 150 milkweed plants

Darien Garden Club

2021 - **Habitat Projects:** Maintains St John Pollinator Garden, Darien Milkweed Patch, habitat at Aspired Living of Westmont

2021 - **Seed:** collected seed and distributed locally, to IDOT and IL Tollway and businesses planting along the Route 66 Flyway

2021 - **Engagement:** Newsletter articles, attended IMP summits, recruited local businesses to plant habitat along the Route 66 Flyway, hosted zoom program on City Nature Challenge, provided nature education at senior center, Pollinator Week Celebration with Kim White, DMP Educator, Oaktober Celebration at the IPPL Monarch Waystation, 20th Anniversary Garden Walk included pollinator and native plant gardens, National Night Out hosted caterpillar/butterfly matching activity, displayed monarch caterpillars and distributed pollinator magnets.

Darien Garden Club cont'd

Darien Garden Club has received numerous awards from Garden Clubs of Illinois and Central Region National Garden Club for their environmental and conservation projects.

2022 - **Habitat:** maintenance continues at St John Pollinator Garden, Darien Milkweed Patch, habitat at Aspired Living of Westmont

2022 - **Seeds/Plants:** Club bought 225 swamp milkweed and butterfly weed plants which were available at events. Donations covered the cost. Gave away 100 pkgs of common milkweed seed harvested from the Darien Milkweed Patch. Winter sowing seeds this year for distributing plants in 2023.

2022 - **Engagement:** Sponsored a seed exchange; Held an iNaturalist City Nature Challenge program and helped users master iNat; National Garden Week program was Birds, Bees & Butterflies: Plant Your Own Pollinator Garden presented by Sarah Michehl; Held a Pollinator Week Celebration; Hosted a tour of Darien Park District's natural areas, Bill Bedrossian of Bedrock Earthscapes led the tours; Hosted a Route 66 Monarch Flyway Info session; exhibited at Darien's national Night Out



Darien Swim and Recreation Club

2021 - Maintains a large patch of milkweed at the Club

2022 - DSRC and Darien Garden Club weeded the garden, added perennials and annuals and additional informational signage.

DuPage County Farm Bureau

Ongoing - distributes seed to DuPage residents

Ongoing - Ag in the Classroom (AITC) provides materials and lessons for students on agriculture, including pollinators

2022 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project

DuPage Event Center and Fairground

2016 - Planted a pollinator garden at the Fairgrounds

2022 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project

2022 - Received a \$1,000 donation from Aldi INC for the Pollinator Garden

2022 - Invited DMP to table at the County Fair

Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition

2016 - Lobbied City of Elmhurst Mayor to sign the Mayor's Monarch Pledge

2016 - present Stay on the Grass and Pesticide Free Parks campaign

2017 - Co-sponsored Children's Monarch Festival with Elmhurst Garden Club

2017 - Designed display for Elmhurst Public Library

2017 - Hosted *Plight of the Monarchs* educational program with Pat Miller

2021 - Start In Your Yard community outreach campaign: Doug Tallamy's Bringing Nature Home book for the One Book, One Community Read; hosted Elmhurst's first Native Garden Tour; hosted Bringing Nature Into Your Yard program with Jim Kleinwachter from The Conservation Foundation; Planning for and sponsorship of a new native garden installation at Wilder Park; hosted a Bringing Nature Home book discussion

2022 - Start in Your Yard continued through the year with three programs about native plants and trees

2022 - Partnered with the Elmhurst Park District on establishing a native plant demonstration garden at the Wilder Park Conservatory

2022 - ECCC is listed as a resource on the Homegrown National Park website



Elmhurst Garden Club

2005 - Program about monarch decline and planting monarch waystations
2005 - Five residential waystations planted
2006 - Collaborated with the Elmhurst Park District on planning a monarch waystation in the Eldridge Park natural area
2006 - Members continued to plant residential waystations
2006 - Jane Foulser the club's Conservation and Education chair made presentation about Monarch Watch and Waystations to: Wild Ones, DuPage Organic Gardening Club, Sierra Club River Prairie Group, Meadows Retirement Center Glen Ellyn



Pat Miller (l) and Jane Foulser (r)
Elmhurst Garden Club members who
registered the first monarch
waystations in DuPage county

2007 - Provided funding, labor and expertise for the Eldridge Park Waystation
2007 - Press release about monarch decline and waystations sent to Chicago Tribune. Club rec'd 17 calls from readers. Eight new waystations created as a result of press release
2007 - Club bought 20 mini-tagging kits and distributed to members
2008 - Designed a display on monarchs for the Elmhurst Public Library
2008 - Jane Foulser and Pat Miller made presentations throughout the county, reaching 1,325 adults and children
2016 - Member field trip to certified waystations in Elmhurst
2016 - Program, *Monarch Butterflies: Migration from Chicago to Mexico* by Diane Hunter
2016 - New residential waystation established and certified
2017 - Club named 2017 Year of the Monarch
2017 - Display case made for Elmhurst Public Library
2017 - EGC and Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition sponsored Children's Monarch Festival during the annual garden walk
2017 - Garden Walk ticket booklet included four pages of information about monarchs and waystations
2017 - Two waystations planted and certified at Park Place.
2017 - Provided Elmhurst Park District 8,300 seeds of *Asclepias syriaca* and *tuberosa* for Butterfield Park
2017 - Monarch waystation established at York High School
2018 - Purchased several educational butterfly tents for Park Place

Elmhurst Garden Club cont'd

2019 - Educational butterfly tents donated to Park Place

2020 - Educational butterfly tents donated to Park Place

2021 - EGC gave a native plant to members who wanted one and made remaining available for purchase

2021 - Educational butterfly tents donated to Park Place

2021 - Partnered with Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition on [Start in Your Yard](#)

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Fermilab Natural Areas - Volunteer

Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory is owned and managed by the US Department of Energy and is engaged in elementary particle research. It is located in Kane and DuPage counties on a 6,800 acre site made up of grasslands, wetlands and woodlands. The land is managed to improve flora diversity, protect native species from invasive ones and for the benefit of local wildlife.

2020 - Closed to all but essential staff, FNA volunteers inactive

2020 - Monitoring, mapping and treating populations of 27 invasive species

2020 - seed collected from 139 species

2021 - Closed to all but essential staff, FNA inactive

Hank Gianvecchio Natural Habitat Area Foundation

The Foundation manages a 3.5 acre natural area with savannah, wet and mesic prairie on Township land at Lake St and Rosedale Rd in Bloomingdale Township

2022 - Joined DMP

Illinois Prairie Path

Planted and maintains four native plant areas along the Prairie Path

President St, Wheaton

Hill Ave, Wheaton (east of Hill, north side)

Liberty & Carlton, Wheaton

Intersection of IPP & Great Western, West Chicago

2022 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project

Immigrant Solidarity DuPage

Hosted two monarch fairs in Glendale Heights

2018 - planted a pollinator garden at Glenside Public Library

2019 - added plants to the Glenside Public Library garden

2019 - planted a pollinator garden at Glendale Heights park

2021 - Began installation of a 40x120 foot natural area at St Andrews Church. West Chicago



Lombard Garden Club

1998 - 2018 Funded, managed and volunteered at a prairie restoration, Terrace View Park

1999 - present - Planted and continues to maintain a butterfly garden at Lilacia Park

2004-2015 - Sponsored and organized Prairie Days, a community event about native plants and natural areas, Terrace View Park

2006 - present - Planted and maintains Peck Homestead Pollinator Garden

2019 - Partnered with Lombard Park District on a Demonstration Pollinator Garden at Terrace View Park

2020 - Milkweed for Monarchs, a video made by members about monarch butterflies

2020 - Second Butterfly Garden planted at Lilacia Park

2021 - Peck Homestead Pollinator Garden registered as Monarch Waystation

2022 - Article written by a member about IPM, *Managing Insect Pests in the Garden*, in club newsletter

2022 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project



Butterfly garden maintained by
Lombard Garden Club
Lilacia Park

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Glen Ellyn

2018 - planted a 20x50 pollinator garden

2022 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project

The GardenWorks Project

2022 - Planted two, raised 4x8 pollinator beds with eight beds of organic vegetables at the Illinois Youth Center, Warrenville

2022 - Spring seedling sale at DuPage County Fairgrounds

2022 - Food Growers Network Book Group

Ongoing - encourages companion plantings for pest control

2022 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project



Warrenville in Bloom

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2006 - Planted three butterfly gardens along the Prairie Path

Ongoing - Annual Arbor Day plant sale includes indigenous species. Members are available to answer questions about native plants

Ongoing - Curb Appeal recognitions include butterfly gardens

2022 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project

2022 - Plant rescue from the butterfly garden being relocation as part of the City's Trailhead Project.

Wheaton Garden Club

2017 - formed a Monarch Committee, established a goal of 10 members planting a waystation

2017 - Lobbied for City of Wheaton to sign a Monarch Resolution which was signed on May 16 2017

2017 - hosted an educational display on monarchs at the Wheaton Public Library

2018 - In June provided a print copy of the *Bee a Monarch Champion* poster to the Wheaton Public Library

2018 - In Sept., created a monarch display at the Wheaton Public Library

2019 - theme for the annual flower show was Pollinator Power

2020 - Received a second place Planting for Pollinators Award from the Garden Clubs of Illinois

2020 - 5 waystations registered with Monarch Watch

2020 - milkweed planted in five member gardens

2020 - Received permission from Wheaton Park District to plant a pollinator garden at Seven Gables Park

2021 - Planted, certified as a waystation and maintained new pollinator garden at Seven Gables Park

2021 - Five members participated in Monarch Watch's Calendar Project and tracked number of monarchs seen in their gardens during designated time periods

2021 - Seven member gardens certified as monarch waystations

Ongoing - Maintaining Seven Gables' Pollinator Garden

2022 - Five members participated in Monarch Watch's Calendar Project, one member tagged 12 monarchs



Wheaton Garden Club's monarch display
Wheaton Library

Wheaton Garden Club cont'd

2022 - February program was on Magnificent Monarchs

2022 - October Garden Show included posters on monarch lifecycle, monarch waystations and the Seven Gables Pollinator garden

2022 - Prepared exhibits for the Wheaton Library on: monarchs, the importance of bees, Illinois native bees and Illinois Wildflowers.



2022 Conservation Updates

Wheaton Public Library

2018 - posted DMP's Pollinator Week poster with a display of related books

2022 - Planted "A Place to Grow Garden" on the east side of Library property which includes native plants, prairie grasses, pollinators and propagators, and a shade garden

2022 - Offers programs and activities for all ages to educate the community about the garden, as well as native plants and pollinators

2022 - Implemented Little Free Seed Library where community can take some seeds and leave some seeds

2022 - Worked with Eagle Scouts to implement Bug Hotels and Butterfly Garden

2022 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project



A Place to Grow Garden
Wheaton Public Library

Winfield Riverwalk Park Committee

2021 - Planted a 5,000 sq ft area of Riverwalk Park with 6,000 plants.



Volunteers planting at Winfield Riverwalk Park



[Plants, Pollinators & Prayers](#)
An environmental documentary about the creation of a monarch butterfly waystation in Sycamore, Illinois.

Free Screening at the Bloomingdale Public Library in Bloomingdale, IL.
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
Post-Screening Q&A

<https://www.facebook.com/plantspollinatorsprayers/>
<https://egyptiantheatre.org/events/free-movie-plants-pollinators-prayers/>
Sponsored by the DuPage Monarch Project.



Plants, Pollinators & Prayers
Bloomingdale Library
February 15, 2023

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