

# Signatory and Associate Members Conservation Updates 2024

Dupage Monarch Project;  
Communities Protecting Pollinators



## 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](#)



Pollinator Planting  
Aurora

### Bloomingdale

2021 - Signed Mayors Monarch Pledge  
2021 - Planted and registered a monarch waystation  
2022 - Signed Mayors Monarch Pledge  
2022 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project  
2024 - Maintained the butterfly garden at Village Hall and the areas at Indian Lakes with milkweed and other plantings.

### 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  
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



Swamp Rose Mallow  
Springfield Park  
Bloomingdale Park District

## Bloomingdale Park District cont'd

2023 - Stewardship on existing natural areas/habitat at Circle Park, Sunnyside Park, Westlake Park and Springfield Park

2023 - Community engagement

- Stewardship contractor educated 15 volunteers who attended the Springfield Park wetlands clean up, seed collection, and sowing (Make a Difference Day, 2023)
- Created interpretive signs for the Westlake Park natural areas. signs sponsored partially by the Village of Bloomingdale and the Clean Energy Grant Program.
- Community participation at Westlake Park during the Clean-up, Green Up event, which is supported by Adopt-a-Park Sponsor Simmons Knife and Saw.

2024 - A total of 1.5 acres of new habitat was established at Stratford and Leslie Park



Sunnyside Park  
Bloomingdale Park District



## 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

2023 - Finished Master Plan and began implementation

2023 - Spring and fall burns at Evergreen Lakes and regular maintenance by Bedrock



### Carol Stream Park District cont'd

- 2023 - Burn at Tedrahn pond and surrounding perimeter.
- 2023 - Cleared and treated sand willow around 600' of shoreline through the parks.
- 2023 - Removal of invasives along shorelines in Jirsa Park

### 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.



Holly Park  
Darien Park District

### 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
- 2023 - Continuing the renovation at the Community Center. The project includes: native bioswale plantings and interpretive signage
- 2023 - In the winter of 2024 the park district will start a three year project to re-establish the wetland areas at Westwood Park. The first two years of the project will focus on the removal of invasive plants and trees within the wetland areas, and year three will focus on planting native plants.
- 2023 - Continues annual maintenance of native areas through a third party vendor.



## 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.



## Downers Grove (Village) cont'd

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

2023 - 7 bioswales were installed for a total of 39. The installation of 8 additional bioswales are planned in the coming months

2023 - installed several new landscape planting beds and enhanced the existing ones with Native Plantings

2023 - Civic Center Project will have native landscaping

2023 - Joined the Greenest Region Compact

Maintains a comprehensive Environmental Sustainability page on the village website.

2024 - Continued to install bioswales



Bioswales  
Downers Grove

## 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

2023 - Received the Jane Foulser Habitat Award

2024 - 8 acres planted in Winfield Creek floodplain

2024 - 600 free native trees distributed at Blooming Fest in West Chicago

## 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

2023 - Routine maintenance of natural areas and landscape plantings

2024 - Sugar Creek Golf Course Restoration Project included a new .5 acre wetland, 2.5 acres seeded with native species, installation of 18,000 native plugs, 46 native trees, 139 native shrubs.



Sugar Creek Golf Course  
Restoration Project

## 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

2023 - Added a total of 2.5 acres of new habitat, Golfview (1 acre), Waubonsie Lake Park (1 acres), Fieldstone Park (.5 acre).

2023 - 1,700 fifth graders learned about pollinator habitat at Red Oak Environmental Education site

2024 - Maintenance of natural areas included: prescribed burns at 14 sites, live native plantings at 6 sites, supplemental native seeding at 12 sites, weed control, invasive woody removal, and invasive mowing/cutting.



### 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



### Glen Ellyn Park District cont'd

2023 - cleared over 6 acres of invasive buckthorn and honeysuckle and seeded those areas with native flowers, grasses, and sedges.

2023 - planted over 300 trees and shrubs

2023 - offered 129 nature education programs, most included pollinators

2023 - began developing pollinator monitoring program

2023 - began planning for a native plant propagation center

2024 - Planted 185 native trees

- Planted a total of 2,350 plugs of native forbs, grasses, and sedges.
- Created a new 2,940 sq.ft. rain garden
- Cleared 4.5 acres of buckthorn and honeysuckle and reseeded 4 of those acres with native seed (the other 0.5 acre didn't need it).
- Offered 160 nature education programs with 3,158 participants.
- Established a new propagation area for native plants and trees
- Piloted a new pollinator monitoring program



Bumble Bee on Showy Tick-trefoil  
Glen Ellyn Park District

### 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

2023 - Routine maintenance performed on existing natural areas/habitat (Prairie and Butterfly / Hummingbird gardens)



## 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."

2019 – With Midwest Grows Green, Stonyfield Organic Yogurt and Osborne Organics, hosted a free Organic Parks Workshop on October 24th to promote the

## Lisle Park District (cont'd)

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



Purple coneflower  
Lisle Park District

### Lisle Park District cont'd

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

2023 - Removed invasive honeysuckle, buckthorn, teasel, sandbarwillow. Assessing callery pear for removal beginning in 2024

2023 - Clearing honeysuckle and mulberry trees began in Community Park. Cleared areas will be planted with grasses and flowering natives.

2023 - Planted 30 trees throughout the parks.

2024 -

- Removed 1/4 acre of invasives from Community Park
- Seeded with natives with good germination
- Planted 50 seedling oaks
- Planted 30 native trees

### 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

2023 - sponsored No Mow 'til Mothers Day

### Lombard cont'd

2022 - Ongoing maintenance of natural areas

2023 - sponsored No Mow 'til Mothers Day

2024 - Herbicide and burns at: Grace and Central, Echo Pond, Morris Pond, Garfield Surges Basin, Village Complex, Terrace View Pond, Parker & Kaplan, Hammerschmidt Commuter Lot, Central Pressure Adjusting Station

### Lombard Park District

1998 - Discontinued mowing around the pond at Terrace View Park

2002 - Naturalized area at Terrace View was expanded

2003 - in partnership with the Lombard Garden Club, hosted Prairie Days at Terrace View, an annual event that continued for several years.

2008 - Terrace View was certified as a Monarch Waystation

2015 - the natural areas or landscaping at Madison Meadows, Eastview Terrace, the Log Cabin, Lagoon, Westmore Woods, Old Grove, Sunset Knoll, The Commons, Southland Park, Vista Pond, Four Seasons and Western Acres were certified as Monarch Waystations by Monarch Watch

Two butterfly gardens were established in Lilacia Park by the Lombard Garden Club

A demonstration native plant garden was planted at Terrace View Park

2024 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project

2024 - Routine maintenance on Monarch Waystations, native plant demonstration garden at Terrace View Park, and naturalized areas.

### Naperville (City)

2023 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project  
Continues to maintain the pollinator garden on the Municipal Center roof  
Hosts an annual Arbor Day tree sale offering native species  
Encourages residents to plant monarch waystations and register pollinator gardens with the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge  
2023 - Supported No Mow May, participants could register with the City to be on record if a complaint was filed and they received a pdf of a sign they could print and post. 170 home owners registered.  
2023 - Hosted a program on Fall Landscaping  
2023 - Hired V3 to assess city owned land for removing invasives and planting native species. Selected five initial sites: Public Works, Auto Test Track, Lake Osborne, Country Commons Old Plank Park  
2024 - Offered to pay for residents to have yard consultations and become certified through the Conservation@Home program. Over 20 yards were certified.  
2025 - Received the 2025 Conservation@Home award from The Conservation Foundation

### 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 Naperville Park District cont'd  
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



### Naperville Park District cont'd

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

### Naperville Park District cont'd

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 Naperville Park District cont'd

2022 - Volunteers collected seed at Frontier Sports Complex

2023 - Stanford Meadows – restored 24,015 SF along the banks of the creek with native plants

2023 - Fairway Commons – converted 21,780 SF of turf to native prairie plants

2023 - Brook Crossings – restored 22,450 SF of the pond shoreline with native plants

2023 - Baileywood Park – converted 1 acre of turf to meadow, with native plants

2023 - Veterans Park – planted 650 plugs to create a pollinator garden.

2023 - Pioneer Park - 20 native trees were planted with a grant from The Morton Arboretum.



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## 2024 Conservation Updates

### Naperville Park District cont'd

2023 - Knoch Knolls Nature Center – 1,000 native pollinator plants were installed in the landscaping bed around the main building.

2023 - Wolf's Crossing Community Park - 1,056 native plants were installed throughout the park.

2023 - Frontier Sports Complex - 300 native plants were installed throughout the park.

2023 - Removed dead trees and planted 700 native plugs at Hunters Woods.

2023 - Conducted prescribed burns at several parks in spring.

2023 - Volunteers removed invasive honeysuckle at the Rus Preserve at Knoch Knolls Park

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2023 - Cub scouts assembled seed bombs and distributed them at the Frontier Sports Complex and Commissioners Park

2023 - Project Wingspan native seed collection events took place at Frontier Sports complex during the fall



### Naperville Park District cont'd

2023 - Hosted a virtual Capital Projects Open House in July/August to inform residents of 2024 projects - shoreline restorations at Brighton Ridge Park and Stanford Meadows.

2023 - Prairie seed mix planted at: Weigand Park, Meadow Glens, May Watts Park, University Heights and Wildflower Park

2023 - Invasive species removed in 15 acres within Brook Prairie, Commissioners Park, Frontier Sports Complex, Knoch Knolls Park, Monarch Park, Springbrook Parkway, Summerfield Lakes and Wolf's Crossing Community Park. Areas will be seeded in winter 2023 - 24.



### **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  
2023 - As part of an OSLAD grant project, native plants were added to a fishing on Ginger Creek  
2023 - Volunteers from a local church and staff collected milkweed seeds at the Dean Nature Sanctuary. Seeds were bagged and distributed to church members.  
2024 - Installed a 2,000 ft pollinator garden at Forest Glen Park  
2024 - 2,000 ft of Forest Glen pond seeded with natives  
2024 - .25 acres of a storm basin at Central Park seeded with natives.

### **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.  
2024 - Sugar Creek Golf Course Restoration Project included a new .5 acre wetland, 2.5 acres seeded with native species, installation of 18,000 native plugs, 46 native trees, 139 native shrubs.

### **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  
2023 - Seeding is complete and butterfly garden is installed.  
2024 - Held a program at the library on native landscaping for supporting pollinators and birds

### **Warrenville Park District**

2019 - Hosted a viewing of The Guardians, a documentary about the challenges facing the monarchs overwintering refuges in Mexico  
2024 - Planted trees and shrubs, expanded the butterfly garden at the recreation center and is working with Bedrock Earthscapes on removing invasives and planting natives at the wetland in Summerlakes Park.



## 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

2023 - Display of books in May related to monarchs and native plants with packets of free seeds.

2024 - Nature Telling storytime - 1/15, 2/19, 3/18, 4/15, 5/20, 6/10, 7/15, 8/12, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18 and 12/16.

- Books on Tap theme for April was environmental fiction
- Chasing Mother Nature - 4/25
- Healthy Lawns - 5/1 presented by the W.E.A.C.
- Cicada Chatter - 6/5
- Become an Animal Advocate - 6/12, 7/10 and 8/7
- Is Solar Right for You? - 7/10
- The Problem with Plastics - 9/4 presented by the W.E.A.C.
- Science of Fall - 10/30 presented by the Morton Arboretum
- Native Trees and Pollinators - 11/6 presented by the W.E.A.C.

2024 - Seeds for native pollinators along with book display available for public from mid-April through May.

## 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

## West Chicago Park District

West Chicago is a certified Level II Arboretum with over 2,300 trees of 106 species in managed areas

The detention basin at the ARC Center is planted with native forbs and grasses

Dyer Nature Sanctuary is being managed with prescribed burns and removal of invasives species, including buckthorn and honeysuckle and 20 indigenous trees have been planted

Butterfly gardens were planted at Don Earley Park and Reed-Keepler Park

The monarch curriculum from the North American Monarch Institute was incorporated into the curriculum of summer camps and after school programs

2019 - participated in the Year of the Butterfly with painted butterflies in three parks

2024 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project

## Westmont (Village)

2017 - ongoing: The Villages of Clarendon Hills and Westmont are working together to design and develop the Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary.

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Village of Westmont

### Westmont (Village) cont'd

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

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



Restored area along  
St. Josephs Creek  
Westmont

### Westmont cont'd

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.

2023 - No Mow 'til Mothers Day

2023 -73 acre at Jameston East Detention cleared and seeded with a diverse, low profile native seed mix

2023 - .4 acre at Jameston West Detention converted from turf to a natural area

2023 - .47 at 531 N Park Detention turf conversion to natural area

2023 - .58 acre at 59th St & Williams Lot. Removed invasives and turf. Native plugs installed in a 6' buffer along St. Joseph Creek. Trees and shrubs planted including hickories and oaks. Area will be seeded with a short grass woodland native mix

2023 - 2 acre restoration and expansion at 61st & Cumor Wetland Detention. Removed invasives and turf, planted and seeded with diverse native species.

2023 - Trees purchased were 68% native species.

2024 - .57 acres of naturalization and/or natural landscaping in 8 medians.

### **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

2022 - Named a Monarch City USA for incorporating native plant beds in the Downtown Streetscape Project, promoting Wheaton's annual Native Plant Sale to encourage residents to plant native species and reducing the use of herbicides

2023 - The Arboretum at Adams Park was certified as a level 1 Arboretum by ArbNet. In the 2.5 acre arboretum, there are 138 trees of 53 species .

2024 - Maintained Streetscape Native planters

2024 - Held the annual Native Plant Sale

### **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

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

2024 - Removed invasives and seeded on 20 acres at Jubilee Point Park

2024 - Routine maintenance at:

- Lake Carleton Buffer
- 63rd St streambank
- Summerhill streambank
- Triangle Park storm basin
- Hawthorne Hill Woods turf conversion
- Ides Grove West pond buffer
- Ides Grove West woodland to prairie
- 83rd St bioswale



## Associate Members

### Arrowhead Golf Course

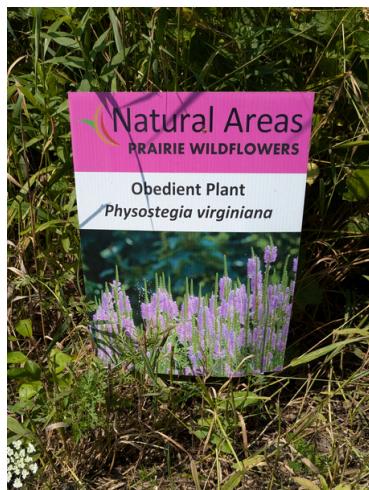
2020 - Certified by Audubon International as a Cooperative Sanctuary  
2023 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project

### 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  
2023 - Hosted a viewing of Plants, Pollinators and Prayers.

### Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills

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



Trail Sign  
College of DuPage  
Natural Areas

### College of DuPage Natural Areas

2023 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project  
2023 - Installed tally boards for visitors to mark sightings of monarch eggs, caterpillars, chrysalids and butterflies. In Aug and Sept there were 388 sightings  
2023 - Installed a smart bird feeder which sends alerts with pictures  
2023 - hosted 133 educational events - tours, volunteer opportunities, workshops and seminars  
2024 - Anna Bakker received the Pat Miller Community Engagement Award  
2024  

- Total volunteers and participants  $(514+2105) = 2619$
- Total instructional/educational hours
- Hosted 58 open volunteer workdays and over 43 events
- Hosted a guided prairie walk, followed by a Bioblitz during Pollinator Week



Anna Bakker  
Outdoor Lab/Prairie Manager  
College of DuPage Natural Areas

## 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 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



Darien Garden Club walking group

## Darien Garden Club cont'd

**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

## 2023 - Received Pollinator Protector Award

**2023 - Maintained Habitat -** Darien Milkweed Patch, St John Butterfly Garden, Aspired-Westmont Pollinator Garden, VFW Peace Memorial Garden in Community Park

St John Learning Garden, Indian Prairie Public Library planters

**Programs** - Bring Back the Pollinators by Carol Elkins, Xerces Ambassador, Gardens of the Desert: An Introduction to the Illinois Prairie by Jack Shouba

**Events** - Arbor Day, Pollinator Week Celebration and Oaktober

### Darien Garden Club - cont'd

**Projects** - Collected, distributed and shared native plant seeds including milkweed, Tagged oak trees in Darien Parks with

**Outreach** - Frequent articles in newsletter, social media posts

**Grants** - Plant America from National Garden Clubs, funded a butterfly mural at DGC Sprouts St John Learning Garden

**NAMI** - DGC member Christine Bosacki attended the North American Monarch Institute in Madison WI, applied for a \$1000 habitat grant

2024

### Habitat

- New butterfly garden planted at St John Church
- Habitat maintenance at five locations: Darien Milkweed Patch, St John Butterfly Garden, St John Learning Garden, Aspired Living, VFW Peace Memorial Garden at Darien Community Park, Planters at IPP Library

### Programs

- Three pollinator related for members
- Two community events with 60+ attendees
- Garden Therapy Teams incorporate pollinators and butterflies into education at senior centers
- Garden Walk included pollinator gardens

### Newsletter and Social Media

- Newsletter includes information about pollinators and DMP events
- FB posts about native plants, bees, butterflies and pollinator related topics

### Darien Garden Club cont'd

#### Seeds and Plants

- Seed and plant exchange
- Seeds were collected, packaged and given away at meetings and events and sent to Kay MacNeil, Illinois Garden Clubs

#### Collaborations

- Members and the club signed IMP pledge
- Cathy Streett sits on the Rte 66 Flyway Committee

### 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

2024 - Hosted #Pollinate DuPage, an informational and networking event, during Pollinator Week

### 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

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## 2024 Conservation Updates

### 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

2023 - Advocated for the preservation of a green space that the City owns but is onsidering developing

2023 - Advocated for native tree species to be included in the list of options for Elmhurst's parkway tree planting program

2023 - Advocated for native plants to be used in a proposed landscaping project along the UP railroad tracks that run through the center of town

2023 - Successfully advocated for a native garden to be included on the July 2024 Elmhurst Garden Walk

2023 - Promoting pesticide-free lawns and "leave the leaves"

### 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

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

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## 2024 Conservation Updates

### Elmhurst Garden Club cont'd

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

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*  
Elmhurst Garden Club has received several awards from Garden Clubs of Illinois and National Garden Club for their environmental and conservation projects

2022 - Discussed *Nature's Best Hope* by Doug Tallamy

2022 - Gave every member a bookmark listing the Monarch Waystation criteria

2022 - Swamp milkweed plant giveaway to members

### Elmhurst Garden Club cont'd

2022 - Provided funds for signage for the Native Plant Garden at Wilder Park

2023 - Continued to support monarchs in member gardens

2023 - included native plant garden on the annual garden walk

2024

- The Conservation and Education Committee distributed pollinator seeds to club members, encouraged planting native in their home gardens
- The Ray Graham Committee added a rain garden to the facility's grounds and planted native plants in the existing garden areas.
- Conservation and Education Committee distributed milkweed plants to residents of surrounding neighborhoods.
- Programs regarding rain gardens and also native alternatives to conventional landscaping were presented at monthly meetings.



## Fermilab Natural Areas

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

2023 - Received the Pat Miller Community Engagement Award

2023 - Held twice weekly volunteer work days

2023 - Two volunteers monitored butterflies and sent data to Illinois Butterfly Monitoring Network

2023 - funded three interns to work with the Fermilab ecologist to deepen their knowledge of habitat restoration

2023 - Public Outreach - regular newsletters, FB post and Youtube videos. Started guided walks for Fermilab employees

2023 - Events and Tabling - Prairie Seed Harvest in October with 30 attendees. Tabled at Fermilab's Outdoor Fair

## 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

2023 - Applied for OSLAD grant for HGNHA improvements

2023 - Natural area was burned in March by Bloomingdale Township, four visits by Bedrock to control invasives and Highway Dept trimmed grasses overhanging the paths

## Illinois Prairie Path

Planted and maintains four native plant areas along the Prairie Path at 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



Monarch Butterfly  
Cathy Streett

### 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



Native plant landscaping  
Sheldon Peck House, Lombard

### Lombard Garden Club cont'd

2023 - continued maintenance at two butterfly gardens in Lilacia Park and the Sheldon Peck Home native plant landscaping

2023 - Co-sponsored No Mow 'til Mothers Day

2024 - Continued maintenance of the Sheldon Peck Garden and Lilacia Park butterfly gardens

2024 - Assumed maintenance of the native plant demonstration garden at Terrace View Park

### Prairie School of DuPage

2023 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project

2023 - Applied for a NAMI Grant to be used for establishing monarch habitat on their campus



### St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Glen Ellyn

2018 - planted a 20x50 pollinator garden  
2022 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project

### Sustain DuPage

2023 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project  
Insects are viewed as nature  
neighbors, friends and collaborators.  
They plant and tend food beds on 1/4 acre at the Theosophical Society  
They have cleared invasives from two acres and introduced natives  
2023 - connected DMP with the Prairie School of DuPage, also located at the Theosophical Society

### 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

### Village Links of Glen Ellyn Golf Course

2025 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project  
1993 - certified as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary



### Warrenville in Bloom

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.  
2023 - Held a program on container plants for humminbirds and butterflies  
2023 - Continued working on the relocated butterfly garden  
2024  

- Participated in a weekly one-hour workday in the Ferry Forest Garden, a public permaculture area with native perennials
- Maintained city pollinator garden and others in the downtown area
- Connected the city of Warrenville with expert Lisa Gibson to restore the three natie plant gardens on 2nd St (History Museum)
- Volunteer Planting Day on Memorial Day weekend drew 30 volunteers to plant natives and flowers



### **Westmont Library Garden Club**

2023 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project  
2023 - Richmond Gardens  
2023 - Seed Exchange  
2023 - Participated in Westmont Library's annual Monarch Festival

### **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

### **Wheaton Garden Club cont'd**

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

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.

2023 - Continued maintenance at Seven Gables Pollinator Garden

2023 - Updating plant signage to improve educational outreach

2024 - Hosted an Open House at the Pollinator Garden, Seven Gables Park as a Pollinator Week event

2024 - Maintained the Pollinator Garden at Seven Gables

### **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 the community educational programs and activities for all ages 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

2023 - Hosted DMP's book discussion of the Nature of Oaks by Doug Tallamy



### **Winfield Riverwalk Park Committee**

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

### **Woodridge Rotary Club**

2020 - Collaborated with the Woodridge Park District on preparing a site at the 83rd St site for planting a pollinator garden

2021 - Collaborated with the Woodridge Park District and DuPage Monarch Project on planting a pollinator garden at the 83rd St Park

2023 - Organized a meeting about Operation Pollination and MOMA Hope Tour

2024 - **Mary Onorad received the Pollinator Protector of the Year Award**



I. to r. Mary Onorad accepting the Pollinator Protector of the Year Award from Connie Schmidt

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