

# Signatory and Associate Members Conservation Updates 2025

Dupage Monarch Project;  
Communities Protecting Pollinators



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## 2025 Conservation Updates

### 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 (Village)

#### 2021

- Signed Mayors Monarch Pledge
- Planted and registered a monarch waystation

#### 2022

- Signed Mayors Monarch Pledge
- Joined DuPage Monarch Project

#### 2023

- Signed Mayors Monarch Pledge

#### 2024

- Signed Mayors Monarch Pledge
- 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
- 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
- Two acre turf to meadow conversion began at Westlake Park

### 2023

- Stewardship on existing natural areas/habitat at Circle Park, Sunnyside Park, Westlake Park and Springfield Park
- Community engagement 15 volunteers 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

### 2025

- Rec'd a \$15,000 grant from the Urban and Community Forestry Programs of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and USDA Forest Service Eastern Region to complete a tree inventory and develop an urban forestry management plan.

## Carol Stream

### 2016

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

### 2023

- Klein Creek Streambank Stabilization -100 native trees and 300 shrubs planted
- Nearly 24,000 Plugs (All Native Species) Planted Along Streambanks & Wetlands
- Replanted 10 Native Trees & Shrubs (Did not survive initial planting)

## 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
- A Natural Areas Master Plan is under development
- Joined DuPage Monarch Project

### 2023

- Finished Master Plan and began implementation
- Spring and fall burns at Evergreen Lakes and regular maintenance by Bedrock
- Burn at Tedrahn pond and surrounding perimeter.
- Cleared and treated sand willOW around 600' of shoreline through the parks.
- Removal of invasives along shorelines in Jirsa Park

### 2025

**Carolshire Park** - (Bioswale)

**Veterans Park** - (Pond shoreline)

**FVRC** - Burned

**Hampe** - burned, treated giant ragweed and woody species

**Jan Smith** - (Natural area), burned, weeding by volunteers

**Bierman Park** - (Pond shoreline) treated for phragmites, cattails and invasive broadleaf species

**Kent Park** - (Pond shoreline) treated for phragmites, cattails and invasive broadleaf species

**Slepicka Park** - (Woodland) burned, treated for giant ragweed and phragmites

**Jirsa Park** - (Natural area and shoreline), shoreline treated for cattails and phragmites

**Tedrahn Park** - (Shoreline) burned, treated for ragweed and cattails

**Evergreen Park** - (Wetland), burned, treated for willows, broadleaf invasives, reed canary grass

**Fair Oaks West Basin** -

**McCaslin** - (Shoreline and bank) burned, treated for phragmites, cattail, woody species, broadleaf

**Coyote Crossing** - Treated for buckthorn, reed canary grass, cattails, and phragmites

**Bark Park** - (Natural area), treated for woody species, cattails and teasel

## Darien (City)

### 2021

- Signed DMP Resolution and NWF Mayors for Monarchs Pledge
- 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

- Signed DMP resolution
- Chestnut Park registered as a monarch waystation
- Habitat added to Birchwood Pond, South Grove Playground and Darien Community Center

### 2021

- Habitat planting at Holly Park
- Going Green page added to website

### 2023

- Continuing the renovation at the Community Center. The project includes: native bioswale plantings and interpretive signage
- 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.
- Continues annual maintenance of native areas through a third party vendor.

### 2025

## Natural Area Locations

Birchwood Park

Chestnut Park

Community Center Parking Lot and Courtyard

Holly Park

South Grove Park #1

Westwood Park

- Received a \$600,000 OSLAD grant for redevelopment of Westwood Park which includes wetland improvements
- Collaborated with The Conservation Foundation and Darien Garden Club on a new, native planting around the Garden View Park sign. DPD provided the funding for purchasing the plants.

## Darien Garden Club

### 2021

#### Habitat Projects:

- Maintains St John Pollinator Garden, Darien Milkweed Patch, habitat at Aspired Living of Westmont

#### Seed:

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

#### 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.

*DGC 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,

#### 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.

#### 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**

#### 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

## Darien Garden Club cont'd

### 2023

#### Events

- Arbor Day, Pollinator Week Celebration and Oaktober

#### Projects

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

#### Outreach

- Frequent articles in newsletter, social media posts, Plant America from National Garden Clubs, funded a butterfly mural at DGC Sprouts St John Learning Garden

#### NAMI

- Christine Bosacki attended the North American Monarch Institute, 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

#### 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 Garden Club cont'd

### 2025

#### DGC General Meetings (educational):

- Members Plant Exchange, swamp milkweed plants were available for a donation
- National Garden Week National Garden Week "Lady Bird Johnson" Portrayed by Leslie Goddard touched on her love of wildflowers.
- Native Plants for Small Gardens with Heather Prince who gave excellent advice on converting to native even in small spaces.
- Putting Your Garden to Bed with Bill Karges who shared tips and tricks on how to put our gardens to bed for the winter months with nature and pollinators in mind.

#### DGC Sprouts Meetings (education):

- Backyard Birds, Karly Tumminello, the role of native trees/caterpillar as baby bird food
- Nature Journaling, Karly Tumminello, at pollinator and learning gardens at St. John, children learned how to look up their findings on iNaturalist and record/draw in a journal.
- Applying Permaculture to Food System environmentally friendly gardening inspiration.
- It's Spider Season, Cathy Streett, role in pest control and healthy ecosystems.

**DGC Programming for all ages:** Most of the DGC/IPPL events were attended by 60+ patrons and visitors.

- Fifteen members attended "Wild Things" conference attended by 2000+. DGC was part of the poster session, creating a poster on DGC's education, outreach and programming related to nature and the environment.
- DGC & Indian Prairie Public Library (IPPL) co-sponsored, *Seed and Houseplant Exchange* showing patrons native seed harvesting techniques and sharing our native seed.
- DGC tabled at the DuPage Monarch Project (DMP) *Pollinator Blitz* passing along pollinator info and milkweed seed. This event was attended by 800+.
- Darien Arbor Day exhibit, distributed oak saplings, milkweed seeds to children & the public.
- The kids were encouraged to participate in the City Nature Challenge
- DGC & IPPL co-sponsored *Spring Birding Experience*, a hummingbird talk by Denis Kania and Backyard Bird talk by Karly Tumminello. Jurica Suchy Nature Museum (JSNM) exhibited with us. The talks and tables shared info on native plant role in feeding birds & caterpillars as food for baby birds.
- Cathy Street gave a talk at DMP: *Flight, Buzz and Bloom*, a Pollinator Week Event to inspire garden clubs to advocate for pollinators.
- DGC Sprouts tabled at local National Night Out event with the theme "Nurture Native Nature", distributed milkweed plants, fennel seed, and nature photo magnets. We featured pollinator education with photo matching games. Attended by 200+.

## Darien Garden Club cont'd

- Cathy Street presented at GCI District II Presidents meeting on DGC work with youth gardens and education.
- DGC Sprouts tabled at Jurica Suchy Nature Museum Life on the Pond Event, with the same theme as NNO above. This event was attended by 150+.
- DGC held Wild Oaktober Event at IPPL. JSNM director and DGC member, Karly Tumminello gave a talk on keystone species such as milkweed, goldenrod, and native trees. The children enjoyed becoming squirrels, playing the Sneaky Squirrel Game, and learning about wildlife that depend on native trees (caterpillar food). Members provided oak tree starts and acorns. Milkweed seeds were distributed. Several oak trees in local parks were tagged with Morton Arboretum's "Importance of Trees" signs
- December we exhibited at the Darien Historical Society's Tree Lighting event. We passed along yarn tree craft kits and milkweed seeds ready for cold treatment to the children.

## Habitat

- St. John Learning Garden was planted and included pollinator plants in 8 of the beds. Removed invasive species.
- Sunrise - Westmont Pollinator Garden - maintenance
- VFW Peace Memorial Garden at Darien Community Park - Added bluebells, geums and replaced invasive burning bush with wahoo, Ninebark and Serviceberry shrubs
- Garden View Park - Maintenance for ten community gardens, DGC was part of a cooperative project with Darien Park District & The Conservation Foundation for planting natives around two new signs, weeded a large native garden.
- St. John Butterfly Garden - Added many new native plants
- Indian Prairie Public Library - maintain planters featuring native plants

## Conservation Initiatives, Social Media, Newsletter

- Collected and packed 600 envelopes of milkweed seed which were distributed at events
- Collects seed of milkweed and other native plants which is given to Kay MacNeil and goes to large acreage plantings
- Website: Resources page with links to Pollinator Week
- Members participate in local BioBlitz Program
- Darien Dirt Diggers Newsletter shares local pollinator and nature education, including DMP events throughout the year.

## Darien Garden Club cont'd

- Cathy Streett, sits on the Route 66 Flyway committee
- Cathy Streett sits on the Darien Action Committee that is planning plantings which may include habitat
- Cathy Streett is part of IPPL STEM classes, presents on photosynthesis, insects and pollination
- DGC Walking Group visits local prairies and woodlands, observes pollinators, birds and wildlife.
- Many members sign the IMP pledge and DGC also signs as an organization.
- Social media: shares information about local and worldwide iNaturalist Projects related to pollinators, DMP events, Pollinator Week, related conservation information and articles.

## 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
- Converted 3 medians on Claremont from turf to native species
- Planted two rain gardens, one at Public Works Facility, 5101 Walnut Ave and one at Otis and Florence.
- Planted native and wetland plants in the new Belle Aire detention basin
- Created a bio swale/rain garden at Lee & Grant park
- 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
- Installed several new landscape planting beds and enhanced the existing ones with Native Plantings
- Civic Center Project will have native landscaping
- Joined the Greenest Region Compact
- Maintains a comprehensive Environmental Sustainability page on the village website.

### 2024

- Continued to install bioswale
- Created story map for 27 Natural and green infrastructure areas

### 2025

- **Received Jane Foulser Habitat Award**
- Landscaping at new Civic Center certified by The Conservation Foundation.
- Approved Environmental Sustainability Plan

## 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**
- Distributed 600 free native trees to County employees

### 2024

- 8 acres planted in Winfield Creek floodplain
- 600 free native trees distributed at Blooming Fest in West Chicago

### 2025

- DuPage County GIS Division designed a Pollinator Habitat Mapping site for DMP members and the public to submit their natural areas
- **DuPage County GIS Division received the Pollinator Protector of the Year award**

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

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## 2025 Conservation Updates

### 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
- 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
- Received the **2024 Jane Foulser Habitat Award**

#### 2025

- Expanded existing natural areas at East End and Eldridge Parks approximately 2 acres.
- Landscape plantings- 26 total Illinois native trees planted (Cypress, Red Oak, Burr Oak, White Pine, Linden, Honeylocust, and Maple)
- 26 acres maintained (frequency and volume of maintenance varies)

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

## Fox Valley Park District cont'd

### 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
- 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.

### 2021-22

- 750 students participated in pollinator curricula
- 1,200 students, scouts, American Heritage girls interacted with the Lippold Park Educational Pollinator Habitat

### 2022

- Received the **Pat Miller Community Engagement Award**
- .3 acres of habitat added at Lippold Park
- 5.0 acres south of Red Oak Nature Center preserved as open space and natural area in perpetuity
- 6.6 acres of turf grass along Blackberry Creek converted to natural area & pollinator habitat
- Hosted and taught 330 elementary students from local schools
- 100 Waubonsie Valley High School students germinated seeds indoors then in the spring the plants were added to Waubonsie Lake Park
- 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 acre), Fieldstone Park (.5 acre).
- 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
- 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
- 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.
- Prescribed burn in Manor Woods to promote native grass and wildflower growth and prep site for sowing harvested seeds.
- 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.
- Installation of 2000 plugs containing native grass, sedge, and perennial plants at the Stacy Ct & Emerson Ave detention area.

## Glen Ellyn (Village) cont'd

### 2020

- Initiated a bank stabilization and improvement project on an approx. ½-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.
- Continued stewardship at the Stacy Ct & Emerson Ave detention area.

### 2021

- Continued stewardship at the bank stabilization site adjacent to Riford Rd.
- 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.
- Signed DuPage Monarch Project Resolution.

## 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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- In collaboration with the Village of Glen Ellyn, added milkweed and nectar plants to a planting between a parking lot and Crescent Ave
- 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
- Registered waystations at two parks, Churchill and Maryknoll
- Milkweed plants and nectar sources added to natural areas and park gardens
- Continuing to offer monarch education programs at schools and camps

## Glen Ellyn Park District cont'd

### 2019

- Summer nature camp program incorporates monarch education. Some sessions planted milkweed and flowers
- Naturalist visits to park district preschool programs included pollinator education
- Annual collection and dispersal of milkweed seeds in park natural areas
- 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.
- 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
- Seeded a slope at Newton Park with some natives, more will be added
- 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
- Participated in NRPA's Parks4Pollinators BioBlitz

### 2023

- Cleared over 6 acres of invasive buckthorn and honeysuckle and seeded those areas with native flowers, grasses, and sedges.
- Planted over 300 trees and shrubs
- Offered 129 nature education programs, most included pollinators
- Began developing pollinator monitoring program
- 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

## Glen Ellyn Park District cont'd

### 2025

- Received Pat Miller Community Engagement Award
- Cleared 27 acres of invasive trees and shrubs in wetlands, upland woodland. By the end of the year, it will probably be closer to 30 acres.
- Planted 152 native trees in areas cleared of woody invasives. Most were oak species, but plantings also included shagbark hickories, musclewood, ironwood, paw paws, various shrubs, etc.
- Treated roughly 1 acre of invasive cattails as a first step in increasing plant diversity in a critical wetland.
- The park district took over the management of Manor Woods and Panfish Park from the village. Manor Woods is predominantly lowland woodland / wetland while Panfish is more of a manicured park with patches of natural areas. Both are in dire need of restoration, and both have high potential as pollinator habitat.
- Currently, the park district actively manages 11 parks that are either entirely natural areas or have significant natural areas embedded in a manicured park setting.

## 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.
- Glenside Library and Immigrant Solidarity DuPage planted Monarch Waystation at the library

### 2019

- Hosted a showing of The Guardians.
- Plants added to the Glenside Library monarch garden

## Hanover Park Park District

### 2020

- Registered Community Center planting as a waystation

### 2021

- Signed DMP resolution
- 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.
- Installed four additional honey bee hives in River Road Park
- 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.

- 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."
- 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.

## Lisle Park District cont'd

### 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
- Grew over 250 grasses, sedges and forbs for planting in natural areas and traditional landscapes
- Collected acorns and are preparing to grow 500 seedlings
- 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
- Clearing honeysuckle and mulberry trees began in Community Park. Cleared areas will be planted with grasses and flowering natives.
- 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

### 2025

- Maintained 35 sites
- Added a new park—a ¾-acre remnant oak woodland/savanna.
- Planted more than 80 oak seedlings across our parks.
- This winter, dormant seeding of natives across several parks

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## 2025 Conservation Updates

### 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

#### 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

#### 2025

- Removed 57 Callery pear trees
- Prescribed burns at Terrace View Pond, Morris Pond, Echo Pond, Grace/Central Basin, Parker Kaplan Basin, Serges Center, Village Complex

### 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

## Lombard Park District cont'd

### 2024

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

### 2025

- Planted at minimum 300 native/nativar perennials within Lilacia Park and outside parks
- Woody invasive removed from all three Sunset Knoll natural areas. Bedrock Earthscapes sprayed all season to remove invasives. Bedrock mowed all three areas late fall.
- Vista Pond: woody invasives removed, natural areas mowed late fall.
- Prairie Place Park - IGA with Village, detention area has wetland grasses, sprayed for non-natives, and mowed twice (Bedrock Earthscapes)
- 556 wet/emergent sedges (plugs) were planted at Southland Park
- 49 native trees, native shrubs, 156 grasses/sedges added

## Naperville (City)

### 2023

\*\* 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

- Joined DuPage Monarch Project
- 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.
- Hosted a program on Fall Landscaping
- 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
- Covered the fees for a Conservation@Home consultation and certification
- Native Vegetation Management Program  
Public Works (1.5 acres)  
Auto Test Track (2.0 acres)  
Lake Osborne (1.4)  
Country Commons (7.4)  
Old Plank Park (9.9)  
Washington St Signage (.8 acres)

## Naperville Park District

### 2016

- Raised and released 35 monarch butterflies as an ongoing educational display at Knoch Knolls Nature Center
- Passed a Monarch Resolution

### 2017

- Designated a Monarch Waystation at Knoch Knolls Park
- Raised, tagged and released 40 monarch butterflies as an ongoing educational display at Knoch Knolls Nature Center
- Hosted Monarch Festival at Knoch Knolls Park/Nature Center

### 2018

- Added habitat at Knoch Knolls Park
- Designated a Monarch Waystation at Ron Ory Community Garden Plots Idea Garden
- Added habitat along parking lot at Ron Ory Community Gardens

### 2020

- Recipient **Pat Miller Community Engagement Award**
- Shoreline Restorations at Clow Creek Greenway and 95th Street Community Plaza Pond added 1.8 acres of habitat
- 1.79 acres of habitat added to Pollinator Meadows in Stanford Meadows Park and Will-O-Way Commons Park
- Wolf's Crossing Community Park is underdevelopment and will include 5.33 acres of pollinator habitat
- 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.
- Springbrook and Naperbrook Golf 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

## Naperville Park District cont'd

### 2022

- 700 pollinator plants planted in Hobson West Ponds as part of an Eagle Scout project
- 1 acre of turf converted to meadow at Brighton Ridge
- 850 LF of stream bank restored at Clow Creek
- 2.5 acres of natural areas added along Clow Creek shoreline
- .5 acres of habitat planted on pond shoreline at Bailey Hobson Woods
- River Crest Estates Park, 2.7 acres seeded with natives
- Commissioner Park - 3.3 acres seeded winter of 2022-23
- 9 acres seeded at various locations winter 2022-23
- Biohaven Floating Island installed in retention pond at Frontier Sports Complex
- Scouts, youth volunteers and adults volunteered to plant at Hobson West Ponds
- Volunteers collected seed at Frontier Sports Complex

### 2023

- Stanford Meadows – restored 24,015 SF along the banks of the creek with native plants
- Fairway Commons – converted 21,780 SF of turf to native prairie plants
- Brook Crossings – restored 22,450 SF of the pond shoreline with native plants
- Baileywood Park – converted 1 acre of turf to meadow, with native plants
- Veterans Park – planted 650 plugs to create a pollinator garden.
- Pioneer Park - 20 native trees were planted with a grant from The Morton Arboretum.
- Knoch Knolls Nature Center – 1,000 native pollinator plants were installed in the landscaping bed around the main building.
- Wolf's Crossing Community Park - 1,056 native plants were installed throughout the park.
- Frontier Sports Complex - 300 native plants were installed throughout the park.
- Removed dead trees and planted 700 native plugs at Hunters Woods.
- Conducted prescribed burns at several parks in spring.
- Volunteers removed invasive honeysuckle at the Rus Preserve at Knoch Knolls Park
- Cub scouts assembled seed bombs and distributed them at the Frontier Sports Complex and Commissioners Park
- Project Wingspan native seed collection events took place at Frontier Sports complex during the fall
- 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.
- Prairie seed mix planted at: Weigand Park, Meadow Glens, May Watts Park, University Heights and Wildflower Park
- 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

## 2024

- Arrowhead Park - **Woodland**: 0.5 acres - Pear removal; 15 young oak & redbud trees added
- Ashbury Park - **Prairie**: 4.0 acres - Seeded
- Brighton Ridge - **Prairie**: 1.32 acres - Invasive removal; spring burn
- Buttonwood - **Prairie**: 0.14 acres - Invasive removal
- Commissioners Park - **Prairie**: 0.4 acres seeded **Natural Area**: 8.5 acres burned
- Country Lakes - **Natural area**: 0.5 acre - Fecon mowing of woody invasives
- DuPage River Park - **Woodland Restoration**: added 102 trees; **Prairie**: 1.2 acres seeded, added 1126 native plants, **Natural Area**: 15.9 acres burned
- DuPage Sports Complex - **Prairie**: 808 Native plants
- Frontier Park - **Natural Area**: 0.3 acres burned, **Prairie**: added 10 native plants
- Harmony Park - (Riverwalk), **Prairie** (future woodland); 0.25 acre turfgrass converted; pollinator seed; 17 trees planted

## 2025

- Hobson West Ponds - **Prairie, Woodland, Buffers:** 1.7 acres woody invasives removed; resprouts treated
- Kingsley Prairie - **Prairie:** 12 acres seeded
- Knoch Knolls - **Prairie:** 0.1 acres seeded, added 378 native plants; **Woodland:** 48 trees planted
- **Natural Area:** 20.4 acres burned
- May Watts - **Pond buffer:** 6.43 acres invasive removal
- Meadow Glens - **Prairie & woodland:** 5.65 acres invasive removal; spring burn; mowing
- Nike Sports Complex - **Woodland edge:** 500 linear ft + 1.0 acre woody invasive removal; mowing
- North Parks - **Ornamental Landscaping/Habitat:** added 16 native trees
- Old Farm Greenway - **Woodland:** 1.53 acres Invasive removal
- Riverwalk Shoreline - **Natural area:** added 30 trees, 90 shrubs
- Riverwalk Shoreline - **Prairie / Shoreline:** 1,700 linear ft, regraded; woody invasives cleared; prairie seeding; 30 trees & 90 shrubs planted
- Riverwoods Park - **Woodland:** 1 acre, woody invasives removed
- Rock Ridge - **Savanna:** 0.59 acres, Invasive removal; mowing, .75 acres seeded
- Seager - **Natural area:** 0.5 acre, Fecon mowing
- Springhill Greenway - **Natural area:** 0.3 acre, mowed
- Sportsman - **Prairie:** 1.8 acres, invasive removal; spring burn
- Stanford Meadows - **Prairie:** 1.1 acres, invasive removal; mowing, 1 acre seeded
- Summerfield Lake - **Natural Area:** 0.6 acres burned
- Tallgrass - **Shoreline:** 1.7 acres seeded
- University Heights - **Prairie:** 0.71 acres, invasive removal; fall burn; mowing, Prairie: 0.75 acres seeded
- Veterans Park - **Prairie & woodland:** 10.84 acres, invasive removal; mowing: **Woodland:** 3.43 acres woody invasive removed; resprouts treated
- Walnut Ridge Park - **Woodland:** 6.8 acres, invasive removal, 0.25 acres, seeded;
- Walnut Ridge Woods - **Woodland:** 4.3 acres, invasive removal
- Weigand Park - **Savanna:** 2.5 acres, seeded; **Woodland & Natural Area:** added 17 trees; **Prairie & Woodland:** 8.83 acres invasive removal; fall burn; mowing
- Weigand/Veterans Park - **Woodland & natural areas:** 55 shrubs (Combined total)
- Wolfs Crossing - **Prairie:** 0.3 acres, seeded, 150 Native Plants
- Yorkshire Manor - **Natural Area:** 1 acre Fecon mowing
- 95<sup>th</sup> St Community Plaza - **Prairie:** 177 native plants added

## **Oak Brook Park District**

### **2019**

- Signed monarch resolution
- Dean Nature Sanctuary is developing an apiary for pollinator health
- Ginger Creek restoration will include milkweed and native plants

### **2021**

- Collected pounds of seed for use in establishing a new natural area in 2022.
- 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
- 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
- 2,000 ft of Forest Glen pond seeded with natives
- .25 acres of a storm basin at Central Park seeded with natives.

### **2025**

- 1-acre of native seed in and around a detention basin at Central Park North
- 25 native trees planted in Central Park Campus
- Spring burn and fall mowing of natural area at Dean Nature Sanctuary

## **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.
- Villa Park received the **2024 Jane Foulser Habitat Award**

## Warrenville (City)

### 2016

- Pollinator and native plant resource page on City's website
- 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
- 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 by Jim Kleinwachter on native landscaping for supporting pollinators and birds
- Library Program *Healthy Lawns, Driveways and Homes* with Jean-Marie Kauth

### 2025

- Proclamation making June - 16 - 22 Pollinator Week in the City of Warrenville, Mayor Andrew Johnson cited the importance of biodiversity to the environment
- Environmental Commission Actions: 2 Educational programs at the Library *Dark Skies; Light Pollution and Its Effects on Nocturnal Wildlife* with Adam Kreuzer *Sustainability and Taking Care of the Environment* with SCARCE
- Pollinator Blitz: The DuPage Monarch Project was advertised on City's website and in social media
- The city purchased US native wildflower seed bombs for distribution with reference to Guerrilla Gardening Seed Balls.
- The city bought and installed a single bat house known to support these pollinators.
- 2 nd Street Gardens: Consultant Lisa Gibson was funded to landscape with native pollinator supporting plants the garden plots along 2 nd St. near the Warrenville Museum and Tavern
- Cerney Park: With partial funding from OSLAD, native plants were added to Cerney Park and wetland was enhanced. Phase II will continue in 2026.
- Orion Project: Private projects are encouraged including pollinator or butterfly gardens like the STEM school Orion Project that is planned for the Weaver Parkway.

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## 2025 Conservation Updates

### 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.

#### 2025

- Maintenance on the natural areas at Summerlakes Park: (28 acres) This park is also home to a natural area and The Ferry Creek Wetlands Project. This project features a wetland education area as well as a scenic overlook donated by the Warrenville Kiwanis Club
- Warrenville Fitness Center: Butterfly Gardens were tended and additions made to in the front and back of the center entrances.

### Warrenville Public Library

#### 2021

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

#### 2023

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

#### 2024

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

## 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
- West Chicago Garden Club included milkweed at the Blooming Fest Plant Sale
- The Butterfly Effect, a public art project, installed 36 artist painted butterflies in public spaces throughout the community
- 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
- The annual Christmas tree is decorated with butterflies.
- 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.
- Planted a butterfly shaped native plant garden at Reed-Keppler Park

### 2021

- Renewed commitment to NWF Mayors for Monarchs
- [Pollinator Program](#) page added to City's website
- 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-Keppler 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

## 2025

- 72 trees planted throughout the parks
- \$300,000 grant received from Morton Arboretum for purchasing 210 trees, certifying four arborists and pruning the current tree population
- Cornerstone Lakes - the ecosystem includes a stream, pond, milkweed and abundant wildlife including cranes
- Don Earley Park - is a forested/shrub wetland and includes nature trails, a mini-butterfly garden and a pond. Ash trees have been replaced in the park through a \$10,000 Urban Restoration grant.
- Dyer Nature Sanctuary - wetland with asters goldenrod and virginia wild rye
- Hampton & Prince Crossing - 7 acres, wetlands and pond
- Kress Creek Farms - The creek, pond, and nearby areas are considered a riverine wetland with oak trees and non-native grasses, invasive buckthorn and European beech trees
  - \* 17 acres were planted with 3,300 lbs of fescue mix and 100 lbs of wildflower
- Meadow Woods Park - Has a detention area, and a small, wooded area of Oak trees
- Pioneer Park - The passive woodland area includes a variety of wildlife and plants, including maple trees, and cottonwood trees. The wetland area in the southern part of the park features turf grass, reed canary grass, sandbar willow, and black willow.
- Prestonfield Park - a forested/shrub wetland with cattails, giant goldenrods, and a variety of other plant life.
- Reed-Keppler Park - butterfly garden

## Westmont (Village)

### 2017

- Ongoing: **Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary** The Villages of Clarendon Hills and Westmont are working together to design and develop a new garden. It 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 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
- 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.**
- Rec'd **Pat Miller Community Engagement Award for No Mow til Mothers Day**
- 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.
- 5 monarch waystations planted
- Two detention basins undergoing transformation to habitat by removing invasives and planting with natives species
- 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.

## Westmont (Village)

### 2023

- No Mow 'til Mothers Day
- .73 acre at Jameston East Detention cleared and seeded with a diverse, low profile native seed mix
- .4 acre at Jameston West Detention converted from turf to a natural area
- .47 at 531 N Park Detention turf conversion to natural area
- .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
- 2 acre restoration and expansion at 61st & Cumor Wetland Detention. Removed invasives and turf, planted and seeded with diverse native species.
- Trees purchased were 68% native species.

### 2024

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

### 2025

- Added 140 native trees
- Converted 2.54 acres of stormwater detention areas from turf to native plantings.

## Westmont Park District

### **Ty Warner Park - 759 Burr Oak Dr.** North of Ogden Ave and east of Cass Ave.

40 acre community park with active and passive areas. Passive areas include prairie, wetlands, naturalized detention basins and bio-swales. Approximately 7 acres of prairie or prairie buffer. Approximately .5 acre wetlands

### **Fritz Werley Park - 490 N. Warwick Ave** (just south of Ogden Ave. and east of Cass Ave.)

4 1/2 acre neighborhood park (It is possible that the Village may identify this already because it falls under our detention/open space inter-governmental agreement.)

1.75 acres of naturalized detention basins

### **Smith Woods - between 55<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> St. at Williams Dr.** Connects to Diane Main Park on 59<sup>th</sup> St. by internal path system.

18 acre nature park

2 acre remnant prairie. Will continue to grow little by little with the selective removal of Buckthorn.

.5 acre of created Oak savannah on north end near picnic shelter on 55<sup>th</sup> St. Mix of wooded areas and prairie.

### **Diane Main Park - 300 W. 59<sup>th</sup> St.**

17 acre active community park

.4 acre of naturalized pond buffer around ponds at park

### **Robert Bernas Park**

5716 S. Wilmette Ave.

6.7 acre neighborhood park

1.5 acres of restored wetland with prairie buffer

.4 acre of prairie buffer

### **Muddy Waters Park - 63<sup>rd</sup> St. and Williams St.**

4 acre open space (glorified detention area) at 63<sup>rd</sup> St. and Williams St. Naturalized pond shoreline and naturalized detention.

1.25 acres of prairie, naturalized detention and naturalized pond shoreline

### **Ashford Subdivision Detention Basin - 900 S. Richmond St.** (It is possible that the Village may identify this already because it falls under our detention/open space inter-governmental agreement.)

3 acres of naturalized detention

### **Grant St. Park - 320 N. Grant St.**

- Neighborhood Park
- .1 acre of newly seeded natural areas native plants (seeded October 2025)

2024 - Signed Monarch Resolution

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## 2025 Conservation Updates

### **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
- Urban Reforestation Plan: plant native trees where possible, maximize diversity and optimize wildlife habitat

#### **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
- 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.
- Held 19th Annual Native Plant Sale

#### **2021**

- Provided weeding and watering for pollinator planting at Seven Gables Park
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 83rd St Park - approx 3000 sq ft. bioswale planted with natives
- 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
- 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

### 2025

- Hawthorne Hill Woods: Added a .65 mile crushed limestone trail with significant financial support of the IDNR Recreational Trail Program
- 200 acres of natural areas received routine maintenance including regular monthly treatments of invasive species during the growing season.
- Contracted removal of invasive trees and shrubs at three pond sites. Approx. 2 acres.
- Jubilee Point Park: Davey Tree Expert Company, Woodridge Park District and volunteers from Jefferson Jr High planted 64 potted native trees and shrubs ranging in size from 1 gallon to 15 gallon.
- Jubilee Point Park: Planted 100 native tree seedlings and 125 native shrubs seedlings and used tree grow tubes to help them establish.

## Woodridge Park District cont'd

### Potted Trees and Shrubs

- Sugar Maple - 5
- Pawpaw - 3
- Downy Hawthorn 3
- Common Witchhazel - 3
- Redbud -6
- Blue Beech - 4
- Bitternut Hickory - 3
- Shagbark Hickory - 2
- Tulip Tree - 3
- Ironwood - 3
- Sassafras - 3
- Ohio Buckeye - 3
- Catalpa - 2
- Hackberry - 2
- Kentucky Coffeetree - 3
- White Oak - 3
- Swamp White Oak - 3
- Bur Oak - 1
- Red Oak - 3
- Bladdernut - 2
- Butternut - 2
- Staghorn Sumac - 2

### Seedlings

White Oak - 25

Red Oak - 25

Swamp White Oak - 25

Sycamore - 25

Elderberry - 25

Hazelnut - 25

Black Chokeberry - 25

Staghorn Sumac - 25

Red Osier Dogwood - 25

## 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
- 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

## College of DuPage Natural Areas

### 2023

- Joined DuPage Monarch Project
- Installed tally boards for visitors to mark sightings of monarch eggs, caterpillars, chrysalids and butterflies. In Aug and Sept there were 388 sightings
- Installed a smart bird feeder which sends alerts with pictures
- Hosted 133 educational events - tours, volunteer opportunities, workshops and seminars

### 2024

- Anna Bakker received the 2024 Pat Miller Community Engagement Award
- 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

## 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
- Received a \$1,000 donation from Aldi INC for the Pollinator Garden
- Invited DMP to table at the County Fair

## DuPage Organic Garden Club

### 2024

- Planted a demonstration garden along Klein Creek near Memorial Park

### 2025

- Winter sowed plants to add to the Demonstration Garden
- Maintained the Demonstration Garden
- Native Hedgerows and Shrub Borders Program
- Took a tour the nursery at the Possibility Place
- A program on Native Pollinators presented by a master gardener with U of I Extension Service

### 2026

- Joined DuPage Monarch Project

## Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition

### 2016

- Lobbied City of Elmhurst Mayor to sign the Mayor's Monarch Pledge
- Presented Stay on the Grass and Pesticide Free Parks campaign

### 2017

- Co-sponsored Children's Monarch Festival with Elmhurst Garden Club
- Designed display for Elmhurst Public Library
- 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 considering developing
- Advocated for native tree species to be included in the list of options for Elmhurst's parkway tree planting program
- Advocated for native plants to be used in a proposed landscaping project along the UP railroad tracks that run through the center of town
- Successfully advocated for a native garden to be included on the July 2024 Elmhurst Garden Walk
- Promoting pesticide-free lawns and "leave the leaves"

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## 2025 Conservation Updates

### Elmhurst Garden Club

#### 2005

- Program about monarch decline and planting monarch waystations
- Five residential waystations planted, the first waystations in DuPage County

#### 2006

- Collaborated with the Elmhurst Park District on planning a monarch waystation in the Eldridge Park natural area
- Members continued to plant residential waystations
- 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
- 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
- Club bought 20 mini-tagging kits and distributed to members

#### 2008

- Designed a display on monarchs for the Elmhurst Public Library
- 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
- Program, Monarch Butterflies: Migration from Chicago to Mexico by Diane Hunter
  - New residential waystation established and certified

#### 2017

- Club named 2017 Year of the Monarch
- Display case made for Elmhurst Public Library
- EGC and Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition sponsored Children's Monarch Festival during the annual garden walk
- Garden Walk ticket booklet included four pages of information about monarchs and waystations
- Two waystations planted and certified at Park Place.
- Provided Elmhurst Park District 8,300 seeds of *Asclepias syriaca* and *tuberosa* for Butterfield Park
- 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
- Educational butterfly tents donated to Park Place
- 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
- Gave every member a bookmark listing the Monarch Waystation criteria
- Swamp milkweed plant giveaway to members
- Provided funds for signage for the Native Plant Garden at Wilder Park

## 2023

- Continued to support monarchs in member gardens
- 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.
- The 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.

## 2025

- The Conservation Committee obtained and provided Common Milkweed seeds to our members.
- The Committee provided Common Milkweed plants to gardeners in Elmhurst and Melrose Park.
- A member of the Nature Therapy group ( We provide monthly nature lessons and activities for Ray Graham Center clients.) presented a lesson on various types of butterflies, and showed a black swallowtail pupa. We also discussed the monarch migration.

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## 2025 Conservation Updates

### 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
- Monitoring, mapping and treating populations of 27 invasive species
- Seed collected from 139 species

#### 2021

- Closed to all but essential staff, FNA inactive

#### 2023

- **Received the Pat Miller Community Engagement Award**
- Held twice weekly volunteer work days
- Two volunteers monitored butterflies and sent data to Illinois Butterfly Monitoring Network
- Funded three interns to work with the Fermilab ecologist to deepen their knowledge of habitat restoration
- Public Outreach - regular newsletters, FB post and Youtube videos. Started guided walks for Fermilab employees
- 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
- 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



## **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
- 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
- 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
- Joined DuPage Monarch Project

### **2023**

- Continued maintenance at two butterfly gardens in Lilacia Park and the Sheldon Peck Home native plant landscaping
- Co-sponsored No Mow 'til Mothers Day

### **2024**

- Continued maintenance of the Sheldon Peck Garden and Lilacia Park butterfly gardens
- Assumed maintenance of the native plant demonstration garden at Terrace View Park

## Prairie School of DuPage

### 2023

- Joined DuPage Monarch Project
- Applied for a NAMI Grant to be used for establishing monarch habitat on their campus

### 2024

- Planted a monarch butterfly/pollinator garden

## Saving Monarchs

### 2005

- Began converting a  $\frac{1}{3}$  acre of suburban yard to native plant gardens, rain gardens and a garden pond

Ongoing - Annual Saving Monarchs Garden Party

### 2026

- Joined DuPage Monarch Project

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

### 2018

- Planted a 20x50 pollinator garden

### 2022

- Joined DuPage Monarch Project

## Sustain DuPage

### 2021

- Created the first dedicated, 36 sq. ft "four seasons" pollinator bed within the veggie garden space

### 2023

- Joined DuPage Monarch Project
- Plant and tend food beds on 1/4 acre at the Theosophical Society
- Cleared invasives from two acres and introduced natives
- Connected DMP with the Prairie School of DuPage, also located at the Theosophical Society
- Sustain DuPage Protectors began rewilding a 1.5 acre natural area heavily infested with invasive species. Removed invasives and seeded with prairie and woodland savanna species.

### 2024 -

- Created a 120 sq ft pollinator garden and added prescriptive burns as part of their stewardship program on the grounds of the Theosophical Society's Olcott Arboretum. This will aid the over 100 species of native plants they've added to the grounds since 2018.
- Burned rewilded area

### 2025

- Added 95 square feet to the 2<sup>nd</sup> pollinator bed making it 215 sq. ft.
- The rewilded area now has 176 native species including bottle gentian, sweet grass, and swamp saxifrage. Continue to add shrubs and forbs, including milkweed.
- Launched a new grant program for DuPage residents who are interested in getting controlled burn certification. People who have already completed training can apply to use the funds to purchase protective gear as long as their certification is in good standing.
- Sustain DuPage partnered with Girl Scout Troop 55627 on a pollinator-based Silver Award Project. The girls are focusing on increasing pollinator habitat and awareness, as well as increasing local bat populations. They have completed extensive research on keystone host plants, successful planting strategies, and researched local pollinator species. The troop establish a nearly 800 square foot pollinator garden on the grounds of the Olcott Arboretum. Bruce Blake owner of Prairie Wind Native Plants Nursery helped with design and donated plants. In 2026 educational signage will be added and the garden will be maintained.

### **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**

1993 - certified as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary

2025 - Joined DuPage Monarch Project

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

#### **2023**

- Held a program on container plants for hummingbirds and butterflies
- 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 native plant gardens on 2nd St (History Museum)
- Volunteer Planting Day on Memorial Day weekend drew 30 volunteers to plant natives and flowers

#### **2025**

- Annual calendar featured photos of pollinators
- Lisa Gibson continues to maintain the three native plant gardens on 2nd St

## Westmont Library Garden Club

### 2023

- Joined DuPage Monarch Project
- Richmond Gardens
- Seed Exchange
- 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
- Lobbied for City of Wheaton to sign a Monarch Resolution which was signed on May 16 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
- 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
- 5 waystations registered with Monarch Watch
- Milkweed planted in five member gardens
- 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
- Five members participated in Monarch Watch's Calendar Project and tracked number of monarchs seen in their gardens during designated time periods
- 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
- February program was on Magnificent Monarchs
- October Garden Show included posters on monarch lifecycle, monarch waystations and the Seven Gables Pollinator garden
- Prepared exhibits for the Wheaton Library on: monarchs, the importance of bees, Illinois native bees and Illinois Wildflowers.

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## 2025 Conservation Updates

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

#### **2023**

- Continued maintenance at Seven Gables Pollinator Garden
- Updating plant signage to improve educational outreach

#### **2024**

- Hosted an Open House at the Pollinator Garden, Seven Gables Park as a Pollinator Week event
- 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
- Offers the community educational programs and activities for all ages about the garden, as well as native plants and pollinators
- Implemented Little Free Seed Library where community can take some seeds and leave some seeds
- Worked with Eagle Scouts to implement Bug Hotels and Butterfly Garden
- 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