

HABITAT FOR POLLINATOR SPECIES

On June 22, 2016 Mayor Andrew J. Ginther celebrated National Pollinator Week by signing onto the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative and the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge. The city is committed to taking actions that increase habitat for pollinator species such as the iconic monarch butterfly. "Pollinator species like the monarch butterfly play a critical role in our environment, and they capture our children's imagination," said Mayor Ginther. "We are proud to be part of a national and statewide movement to increase the biodiversity in our community." Species such as birds, bats, bees and butterflies help pollinate plants and are responsible for bringing us one out of every three bites of food. They also sustain our ecosystems and produce our natural resources by helping plants reproduce.



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Communicate with community garden groups and encourage them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.

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Convene city department staff and identify opportunities for revised mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.

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Host or support a native plant sale or milkweed seed giveaway event.

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Plant a monarch-friendly demonstration garden at a prominent location.

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Remove milkweed from the list of noxious plants in city weed / landscaping ordinances.

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Promote these initiatives and education through social media.

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Provide education and support to schools and other stakeholders on the importance of providing habitat for pollinator species.

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Provide technical guidance/support on how to best manage established pollinator habitats throughout the year.