

# **Sister Cities Commission**

## **2025 Annual Report**

### **2025 Accomplishments**

Hosted “Nitra: Naperville’s First Sister City” at the 95th Street Library in January. Established new points of contact with Nitra, Commissioner Bukowski visited Nitra In December 2025. Monarch butterfly garden project inception and planning with Naperville Park District and the Foundation. Increased communication with the Sister Cities Foundation. Completed Board and Commission training.

### **2025 Challenges**

Scheduling challenges for Commission meetings. Unclear ownership/approval of projects between the Commission and Foundation. Limited success with commercial engagement opportunities.

### **2026 Upcoming Work**

Plant the monarch garden at Knoch Knolls park, install signage sharing story of the monarch, sister cities and sustainability. In partnership with the Foundation, host the 2026 student art competition. Explore opportunities for virtual student connections between Naperville students and Nitra, Cancun and Patzcuaro students. Continue to improve and refine communication and decision-making processes with the Foundation. Provide student representatives with an opportunity to learn about the Sister Cities mission and engage in tangible activities to enhance their student representative experience.