

RESOLUTION NO. 23-_____

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DUPAGE MONARCH PROJECT AND THE
ENHANCEMENT AND EXPANSION OF AVAILABLE HABITAT FOR
MONARCH BUTTERFLIES AND OTHER NATIVE POLLINATORS**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPERVILLE, DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, in exercise of its home rule authority as follows:

WHEREAS, Naperville strives to be a leader in environmental initiatives and is establishing a long-term vision for environmental sustainability while providing local government services to help ensure a higher quality of life for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Naperville partnered with the Naperville Garden Club and The Conservation Foundation to plant a native plant pollinator garden at the Municipal Center that showcases a variety of native plant species and offers a critical habitat for butterflies and other pollinators; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 budget includes funding for a five-year capital improvement program aimed at identifying optimal City-owned lands to transition from turf grass to native plants; and

WHEREAS, Illinois designated the Monarch butterfly as the official state insect in 1975 as the result of lobbying by Illinois schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, Naperville, located in northeastern Illinois, is within what the United States Department of Agriculture (the “USDA”) has called the Midwestern “summer recharge zone” on the annual Monarch butterflies’ migration route from Mexico to Canada; and

WHEREAS, the migratory Monarch butterfly is now classified as “endangered” by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN); and

WHEREAS, research by the Field Museum found cities can provide 15-30% of the milkweed needed to save the Monarch butterfly; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Monarch Project has developed a state-wide Monarch Conservation Plan calling for 150 million new stems of milkweed, Illinois’ share of the Mid-America Conservation Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the DuPage Monarch Project identified Naperville’s sustainability and biodiversity priorities and invited the City to join its coalition to support the health and resilience of Monarch butterflies and other pollinators; therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPERVILLE, DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, in exercise of its home rule authority, as follows:

SECTION 1: The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein.

SECTION 2: The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to increase and improve available habitats for Monarch butterflies and other native pollinators, based on available resources, through the following actions:

- Identify locations where native milkweed and nectar plants can be newly planted or incorporated into existing plantings.
- Create at least one Monarch Waystation that meets Monarch Watch certification criteria.
- Install signage near Monarch-friendly plantings to provide educational facts about Monarch butterflies, other native pollinators, and their habitat in order to increase public awareness and education.
- Support the planned prioritization and transition of appropriate City-owned land from turf grass to native plants.
- Partner with local conservation groups to maintain and expand native plantings and pollinator gardens where feasible.
- Educate the Naperville community about the value of native plants and promote The Conservation Foundation’s education and outreach programs in support of pollinators.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST

Pam Gallahue, PhD
City Clerk

Steve Chirico
Mayor