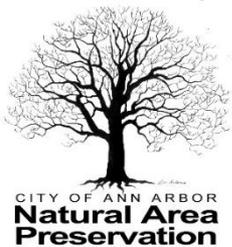


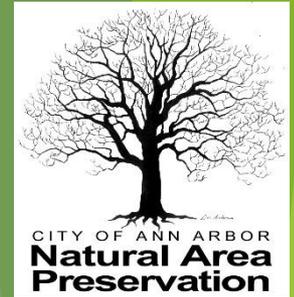
# Supporting Pollinators in Ann Arbor's Parks



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# Natural Area Preservation and Pollinators



- ▶ NAP's mission is to protect and restore Ann Arbor's natural areas and to foster an environmental ethic among its citizens
  - ▶ Ecological/habitat restoration
    - ▶ Staff and volunteer workdays centered on restoring pollinator habitat, special workdays/events for Pollinator Week
    - ▶ Support for independent volunteers in restoring habitat
    - ▶ Integrated Pest Management Plan
  - ▶ Project guidance
    - ▶ Provide guidance to large-scale multi-organization restoration projects in ecological restoration and creation of pollinator habitat (Traver Creek, Benz Creek)
    - ▶ Site plan reviews



# Community Outreach & Citizen Science

- ▶ NAP serves as the Ann Arbor hub the Michigan Butterfly Network, hosted by the Kalamazoo Nature Center
  - ▶ Data collected are entered into a national database
- ▶ We partner with Leslie Science and Nature Center for their annual Monarch Migration Festival
- ▶ In the past, we have partnered with the NWF Ann Arbor office to distribute educational materials at public events
- ▶ NAP maintains an informational webpage on pollinators on the City website



# Collaboration with External Partners



- ▶ National Wildlife Federation
  - ▶ Ann Arbor is a signatory of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge
  - ▶ NAP received a grant to purchase native seed to enhance pollinator habitat
  - ▶ NAP collaborated with the Ann Arbor office and a group of dedicated citizen leaders to establish a pollinator garden at West Park
- ▶ Project Wingspan
  - ▶ A project ecologist evaluated several of our pollinator habitats and gave advice on how to improve them
  - ▶ NAP collaborated to have volunteers collect pollinator plant seeds from our prairies for redistribution
  - ▶ NAP was awarded seed material to enhance our habitats
- ▶ Washtenaw County Water Resources
  - ▶ NAP performs prescribed burns and invasive species control in rain gardens that support pollinators
- ▶ Environmental Commission
  - ▶ NAP is working with the Pollinator Working Group to update the Pollinators webpage, ensure accurate reporting of pollinator initiatives, and explore other opportunities for helping pollinators



# Other Parks Pollinator Programs



- ▶ GIVE 365
  - ▶ Adopt-A-Park volunteers plant pollinator-friendly plants and remove invasive species from gardens throughout parks (Rotary Club Butterfly Garden at Gallup)
- ▶ Adopt-A-Median volunteers plant and maintain pollinator plants in medians and traffic islands
- ▶ Golf course staff received milkweed seeds from Monarchs in the Rough (a project of Audubon International & the U.S. Golf Association), and the seeds were planted in the roughs at Leslie Park and Huron Hills

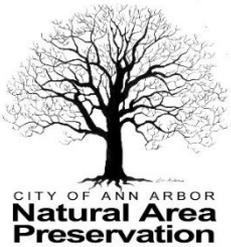


# Long-Term Care

It's great that so many people are excited to help create or enhance habitats for pollinators, but long-term care of the habitat must be part of the planning process.



# Thank You!



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