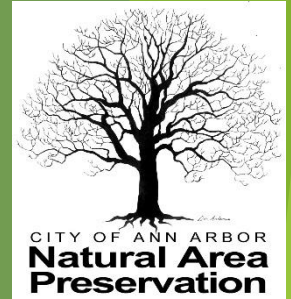


Natural Area Preservation and Pollinators



- ▶ NAP falls under the umbrella of Parks & Rec, funded by the Parks Maintenance & Capital Improvements Millage
- ▶ Our 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 is 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



- ▶ NWF
 - ▶ 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 (Wolfpack) 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
 - ▶ We collaborated to have volunteers collect pollinator plant seeds from our prairies for redistribution
 - ▶ NAP was awarded seed material to enhance or habitats
- ▶ Washtenaw County WRC
 - ▶ We perform prescribed burns and invasive species control in rain gardens that support pollinators

