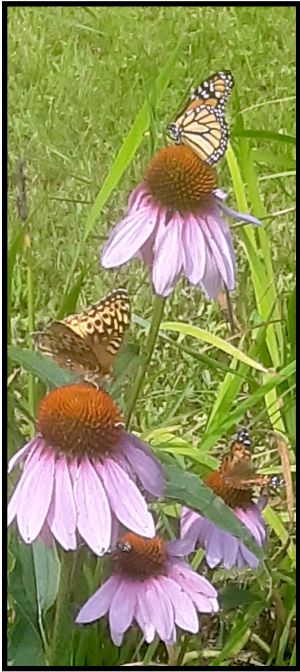


Conservation Commission Pollinator Garden

Goal: The Conservation Commission would like to create a demonstration pollinator garden within the Community Garden. We hope this garden will be a beautiful addition that will educate and encourage the community to feed our local pollinators.



Our Inspiration: There has been an significant decrease in pollinator populations nationwide. To combat this, the Conservation Commission would like to encourage Acworthians to plant at least one pollinator plant in their yard. Most native bees travel less than a mile from their homes. Simple changes which add food and shelter to one yard can make a significant difference in the ability of these animals to survive. One plant in one yard matters.

For those who want to take on more, the Conservation Commission encourages planting a pollinator garden or meadow and participation in the Pollinator Pathway, www.pollinator-pathway.org/, and/or the Monarch Way Station Program, www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/. The Pollinator Pathway is a series of connected pollinator gardens, pollinator meadows and forests which provide long range food sources for the migrating pollinators as well as local pollinators. The Monarch Way Station Program asks you plant 20 milkweed plants for the monarch caterpillars.

What: We would like to use a standard plot in the Community Garden to plant mostly native plants. Additional non-natives plants would include pollinator favorites and caterpillar food. The plants would be labeled and we would provide additional signage about the purpose of the garden, what is currently in bloom, and upcoming maintenance tasks.

We would also like to hold educational events at the garden as well. We hope to have a seed and plant give-away each spring, have speakers on topics such as seed saving, and have activities such as creating bee hotels.

Who: The Conservation Commission has 4 members that are spearheading this project. We also have been contacted by other community members interested in volunteering.

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