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“City of Waukegan Partners with ComEd to Restore Native Landscapes Along Rights-of-Way to Save Pollinators”

WAUKEGAN, IL, June 24, 2020 — The City of Waukegan and ComEd are kick-starting a multi-year partnership to restore native pollinator habitats to help save pollinators in decline, like the monarch butterfly and rusty-patched bumblebee, in honor of National Pollinator Week.

Climate change, urbanization and agricultural practices are a threat to pollinators, which are essential components of healthy ecosystems and help produce one third of the food humans consume. ComEd will work with the City to identify restoration and pollinator sites along ComEd rights-of-way.

“The City of Waukegan is a place for people and nature to coexist happily and healthily,” said Waukegan’s Mayor Sam Cunningham. “The City is committed to protecting pollinator habitat which improves the environment for everybody. We are grateful to have partners like ComEd who help make our vision for a sustainable future a reality.”

Work on the first restoration site, along the Robert McClory Bike Path, began in June. Once completed, the City will work with ComEd to create and install signage about native pollinators and their habitats along the bike path. The anticipated next site will be in a Waukegan neighborhood, with pollinator demonstration gardens to help educate the public on the importance of protecting pollinator species.

“ComEd is proud to partner with the City of Waukegan to restore and enhance natural habitats and biodiversity,” said Mark Falcone, vice president of support services at ComEd. “Our company is committed to environmental stewardship and protecting pollinator species, improving and expanding their native habitats in the communities we serve.”

The Waukegan City Council adopted the National Wildlife Federation’s Mayors’ Monarch Pledge, committing to take five concrete actions to save the monarch butterfly. Through this commitment, the City is now part of a North American network of cities working to create monarch habitats. The City additionally passed a Proclamation stating the importance of pollinators and is seeking funding to establish pollinator gardens throughout the city. Learn more about the ComEd partnership, the Mayors’ Monarch Pledge, and how you can plant your own garden at the City’s [sustainability webpage](#).

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