



## Butterfly Way Station and Pollinator Gardens

These gardens provide food, shelter, and water for local and migrating butterflies, and pollinators. They also provide an added benefit by replacing weed filled, or grassy areas with more appealing flowering gardens.

Goal: Create an awareness of the value for having butterfly and pollinator gardens. Encourage community participation with existing gardens and/or newly planned gardens.

Plan (first time): Create a template for interested groups to follow, by enlisting the support of Skaneateles Departments of Parks, along with Skaneateles and Tully Rotary, along with Skaneateles Elementary School in the promotion of community-based Butterfly and Pollinator Gardens.

Comment: This project grew out of inputs from the Rotary Action Group's Environmental Sustainability Program, Monarch Teachers Network and Monarch Waystation Program and my work with the Skaneateles Parks Dept.

I've come to appreciate that so simple a thing, can have such a great impact on the environment. ☺



## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ROTARY ACTION GROUP

### Protecting the environment

Rotary International members are tackling environmental issues by:

- coming up with projects,
- working with other individuals and groups
- planning for the future.

Locally:

- Skaneateles Rotary is working with Baltimore Woods on an evasive species project.
- Tully Rotary has a program to plant 1000 trees in CNY, and is partnering with an African Rotary Club to reduce deforestation in Kenya.
- A spinoff of the Tully program is the **Pollinator and Butterfly Garden Project (Suzanne Drumm)**



***From Skaneateles Elementary School (Erin Brown) we are introduced to the concept and resources of:***

**The Monarch Teacher Network** – This is a network of people across the United States, Canada and beyond who are passionate about teaching and learning about monarch butterflies and the natural world. We come from all walks of life and many different careers although many of us are or were teachers. As a network of volunteers, we try to share our passion for butterflies and nature with people of all ages through our array of workshops.

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Austin Park – Monarch Waystation



Austin Park – 2019 Declared the area a Monarch Waystation



Austin Park – 2021 a Successful Monarch Waystation  
Wide array of Pollinator Plants, and More are Planned.



**Keep this in mind:**

**When we help the pollinators and Butterflies**

**We help the Environment**

**Which, Helps Humankind**

**and all Living Things on the Planet**

**Best of All, it doesn't have to be Huge and Grandiose**

**It can be as simple as planting a garden**

**Here is a link that identifies five butterfly and pollinator loving plants to use:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oFP4cljwHwHH-AM226fv-d9G79PIDXrCaNBQKMGXJGQ/edit?usp=sharing>