

## About Us

The Friends of the Monarch Trail is a dedicated group of nature enthusiasts who have worked to preserve a portion of the Milwaukee County Grounds specifically for the monarch migration. This historic migratory stopover cannot be moved or replaced and must be protected and enhanced in order for this phenomenon to survive the many development projects on the site.

**~2005:** MMSD agreed to preserve the existing roost site, the sycamore tree and surrounding trees for the monarchs.

**~2008:** Established the Friends of the Monarch Trail 501c (3) nonprofit organization under the Park People of Milwaukee County.

**~2009:** Fought and won a Habitat Restoration Plan from Milwaukee County that established the 11-acre Monarch Conservancy for the monarch migration.

**~2010 - Present:** We have continued to engage new groups, schools, clubs and the community at large in our Monarch Trail events, restoration projects, fund raisers, and educational tours and presentations.

**~2015:** An additional 11 acres of DOT easement became part of the Monarch Trail restoration project and includes 2 grant areas. The Monarch Trail passes through approx. 22 acres of preserved land stewarded by the Friends of the Monarch Trail.

**~2022:** Continued vigilance will be needed this year due to another construction project. We are committed to working with the developer and contractors to assure the required habitat protections are in place and restoration projects move forward.

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Our Advisory Board provides leadership for the organization and establishes a path forward for the migration phenomenon on this irreplaceable site.

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Thanks to ALL our volunteers for their perseverance and hard work