



Lincoln

Various Locations in Lincoln, Nebraska

The project

Nebraska Wildlife Federation collaborated with local organizations to create four monarch and pollinator **demonstration** gardens in Lincoln, Nebraska. The gardens were designed as quality habitat for monarch **butterflies and other pollinators**, in a compact enough space to be easily replicated in backyards, schoolyards, and other areas. NEWF relied on the University of Minnesota's Monarch Breeding Habitat Assessment Tool and the Xerxes Society Pollinator Habitat Assessment Guide to determine types and numbers of pollinator-friendly plants, management practices and other considerations. The Gardens are located in schoolyards, or areas with public access and ample foot traffic. **Outdoor signs** help show the importance of using native plants. NEWF staff provided **workshops** in connection with the installation and care of habitat.



Picture of volunteers during the planting of the project, in April of 2017.

What we learned

- 1 A thoughtful plan for maintenance must be in place well before dirt work.
- 2 We need a guide to help volunteers and students tell garden plants from weeds.
- 3 It's hard to find time for tracking the gardens to catch problems early.



Butterfly Milkweed
Asclepias tuberosa



Meadow Blazing Star
Liatris ligulistylis



Plains Oval Sedge
Carex brevior



Pasque Flower
Pulsatilla patens

Who's involved & costs

- Nebraska Wildlife Federation
- Community Crops
- Gateway Vista Senior Living Center
- Elliot Elementary and Dawes Middle Schools
- Monarch Gardens (landscape design)
- UNL's Prairie Pines Nature Preserve
- Acelere Alternative School Students

\$7,000

PAID BY GREENER TOWNS

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PAID BY OTHER GRANTS

\$445

PAID LOCALLY

\$8,704

DONATED TIME/GOODS

\$16,149

PROJECT VALUE



Students helping water the butterfly garden at school.

Increasing Monarchs at Schools

GREENER TOWNS

 **NATIVE PLANTS**

 **SAVES WATER**

 **LEARNING**

