



Route 66 Monarch Flyway

FAQ's

What is the Illinois Monarch Project?

Over the past 20 years, the eastern monarch population has faced a significant decline in migratory habitat. The Illinois Monarch Project collaborates with public and private partners, in addition to individuals across the state, to protect and enhance existing habitat and establish new habitat that supports monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

What is the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway?

The Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway's mission is to enhance and promote economic opportunities for each Illinois Route 66 community by preserving Illinois Route 66 Heritage and by sustaining and increasing heritage and cultural tourism. They serve 90 communities in Illinois, from Chicago to the Chain of Rocks Bridge near Madison, IL.; most have a population of only 2,500 or less. They help attractions, small businesses, and communities take full advantage of their Route 66 resources to provide the best possible experience for visitors from around the world. We also provide information to travelers to help them plan their adventure down Route 66.

What is the Route 66 Monarch Flyway?

The Route 66 Monarch Flyway is a collaborative effort between the Illinois Monarch Project and the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway. The Route 66 Monarch Flyway brings together local communities, landowners, and organizations—large and small—to recognize the cultural and historical significance of Route 66 and celebrate the monarch butterfly's special place in the hearts of Illinoisans. The Route 66 Monarch Flyway is a 66-mile-wide corridor that stretches from Chicago to St. Louis across the state of Illinois. The project is seeking to bring the unique aspect of Route 66 to Illinois' efforts to help the monarch butterfly by planting native wildflowers and restoring habitat projects within the corridor. One of the goals of this effort is to bring together all aspects of life in Illinois, which are represented in the four sectors of the Illinois Monarch Project (IMP) – Urban, Agriculture, Rights-of-Ways and Natural Lands. The IMP collaborates with public and private partners, in addition to individuals across the state, to protect and enhance existing habitat and establish new habitat that supports monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

Who can become a part of the Route 66 Monarch Flyway?

Any organization that wants to help the Monarch population in Illinois and falls within the Route 66 corridor can take part in this initiative.

What type of initiatives is the Route 66 Monarch Flyway looking to support?

The opportunities along the Route 66 Monarch Flyway are endless: native plantings and habitat creation at highway rest areas, county fairgrounds, historic downtown squares, and schoolyards, to name a few.

Is there funding available?

Yes, however, we are still working to develop guidelines and funding information.

Can we donate to the Route 66 Monarch Flyway or become a member of the Flyway?

Yes, however, we are still working to develop donation guidelines and membership opportunities.

Is there a place to submit questions to the Route 66 Monarch Flyway?

Yes, click the link below to submit your questions and/or initiative ideas. You can also submit a monarch milkweed location located along Illinois Route 66.

<https://illinoisroute66.org/route-66-monarch-flyway-info/>

What is the website address for the Route 66 Monarch Flyway?

<https://illinoisroute66.org/route-66-monarch-flyway/>

Is there a Facebook Page for the Route 66 Monarch Flyway?

<https://www.facebook.com/Route66MonarchFlyway/>

Is there an Instagram Account for the Route 66 Monarch Flyway?

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