

UPDATE: We are pleased to announce that Friends of North Prairie Native Gardens Inc. is now a fully recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization! We hope to provide education about the importance of incorporating native plants into your landscape, and expand our garden sites in North Prairie, through our annual native plant sale and with donations from community businesses and residents. For more information on how you can get involved, drop us an e-mail, visit our website or view our Facebook page:

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In late 2020, a few North Prairie residents formed a volunteer citizens group whose mission is to create a butterfly habitat/pollinator Garden at Prairie Village Park. As momentum grew, more and more community residents became involved and soon, *Friends of North Prairie Native Gardens*, was going strong. The monarch population has declined considerably over the years. Native habitats and pollinator gardens will support the monarchs' lifecycle by providing native plants, food and nectar sources, and serve as waystations for their annual migration south. They will also serve other pollinators and beneficial insects.

Our independent citizen initiative is supported by the North Prairie Parks Committee and Village Board. Their support includes an area of land between Prairie Village Park and the pond for what is intended to be the first of several garden areas throughout North Prairie. Soon, we will also create a native planting area at the entrance to the Village Hall.

This is a perfect opportunity for your family to be part of creating an environment to help monarch butterflies, providing an educational component for our children and enhancing the beauty of our community. Volunteers are needed in different areas. If you can help, please join us for this fun, rewarding and worthwhile cause!

