
Press Release

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Summit Soil and Water Conservation District and the Summit County office of the Ohio State University Extension wish to give a hearty round of applause to all of you who so kindly collected milkweed pods in the fall, as part of the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative (OPHI) program, including the City of Stow, who sponsored their own collection bin. We could hardly keep up with the responses and the pods. It is heart-warming to see how many people are interested in the life and welfare of a tiny insect with fragile wings that manages to fly some 2,500 miles to winter hibernation forests in Mexico. Milkweed is necessary for the Monarchs to fuel up on nectar in the fall right before they migrate. The humble milkweed is the host plant for the caterpillars to eat when they hatch out of their chrysalis. Every milkweed that is planted will sustain many butterflies and other pollinators.

We just want you all to know that you are helping to save our planet, one Monarch butterfly at a time and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your efforts show that some humans really care about the other creatures that share their environment with us and the world in which we all live.

For more information on the milkweed collection program, or other environmental topics, visit <https://www.sswcd.oh.net> or call 330-926-2452.