

**Project: Support and sustain wildlife habitat diversity by planting native wildflowers in warm season grass meadows in Little Bennett**

**Summary**

This project would involve planting native wildflower plugs in warm season grass fields determined in consultation with Park managers. Wildflowers or other planting stock for the project would be provided by the Parks Dept. This project must be done in the fall (Late Sept - October) or early spring (April – early May) planting seasons. This project may also require acquisition and use of donated materials for the construction of deer exclosures.

**Background**

Meadows dominated by grasses and wildflowers offer important habitat for a wide variety of species of plants and animals including bluebirds, meadowlarks, bobwhite, kestrels, box turtles a variety of small mammals and butterflies. Meadows were once common in Montgomery County, but development, changes in farming practices, and the succession of former meadows into forests is causing the loss of much of this rich and diverse habitat. In fact, grasslands are disappearing faster than any other habitat in the Eastern U.S. This is leading to a rapid decline in many specialized wildlife species.

**Project Sponsor**

Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission

**For Further Information**

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**Common Milkweed**



**Monarch Butterfly**



**Joe Pye weed**



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