

Building Backyard Wildlife Corridors Program



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Part 1: Participating in the Building Wildlife Corridors Program and Pledge to Protect Wildlife Habitat Space:

The Backyard Wildlife Corridors program aims to locate and grow current local wildlife habitat spaces that link together to become sustainable wildlife corridors. The Goshen Environmental Resilience Department encourages everyone to register their wildlife habitat spaces for the mapping project.

The resulting map will be available to everyone. There will be opportunities to select certain wildlife species, *such as Monarch caterpillars, which eat milkweeds exclusively*, and see their corresponding habitat spaces. No personal identifiers will be included. Please participate by adding your habitat space to the database. Mapping allows you and others to see where critical habitat corridors are. Register at: <https://goshenindiana.org/backyard-habitat>



PROTECTING WILDLIFE HABITATS PLEDGE: I pledge to provide long-lasting wildlife habitat space, plant native species, protect trees, and implement sustainable gardening practices.

Signature: _____

- I am willing to provide survey feedback (Required for free supplies)
- I am willing to register my backyard habitat within one month of adding the plants provided at <https://goshenindiana.org/backyard-habitat> to enable the mapping of local wildlife corridors by species. No personal information is shared using the tool. (Required for free supplies)
- I will keep the habitat space for a minimum of five years. (Required for free supplies)

Part 2: Free Backyard Habitat Plants and Supplies: The City of Goshen is offering free backyard habitat plants and supplies to encourage residents to plant native species, especially those that are vital for threatened and endangered species that live in the Goshen area.
<https://goshenindiana.org/backyard-habitat>



Free Backyard Plants Eligibility – Households must be within Goshen City limits or have a family member who works for Goshen to be eligible for the free items in the Backyard Habitat program.

- City of Goshen Resident**
- City of Goshen Employee**
Name _____
Department _____

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Free Backyard Plants: *Select plants* that you would want to add to your yard (while supplies last, more to come in 2025) Eligible participants can choose up to 3 total species of flowers, grasses, and sedges (you will get three plants of each species) and up to 4 total species of brambles, shrubs and trees.

Plants in Green are free to eligible participants

Flowers:

- Black-eyed Susan (full sun)
- Butterfly Milkweed (full – partial sun)
- Common Milkweed (full sun)
- Common Mountain Mint (full – partial sun)
- False Aster (full – partial sun)
- Foxglove Beardtongue (full sun)
- Purple Coneflower (full sun)
- Purple Prairie Clover (full sun)
- Smooth Blue Aster (full sun)
- Wild Columbine (full sun – shade)
- Wild Geranium (full sun – shade)
- Wild Lupine (full – partial sun)

Grasses:

- Bottlebrush Grass (full sun – shade)
- Showy Goldenrod (full – partial sun)
- Side Oats Grama (full – partial sun)

Sedges:

- Small Yellow Fox Sedge (full – partial sun)

Brambles:

- Blackberries (full sun)
- Raspberries (need a pair) (full sun)

Trees and shrubs:

- Black Hawthorn (full – partial sun)
- Buttonbush (full – partial sun)
- Canadian Hemlock (partial sun – shade)
- Chicago Hardy Fig (suggest a pair) (full sun)
- Pawpaw (full – partial sun)
- Persimmons (need a pair) (full sun)
- Red Cedar (full sun)

Sketch your habitat space here

(Select all that apply) Does your habitat space have: Food ___ Shelter ___ Water ___

Suggestions of plants you would like to have available in the future: