



City of Arkansas City

BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 1:00 PM – 400 W. Madison Ave., Arkansas City, KS 67005

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Access Code: 764-228-917

I. Roll Call

Board Members

Robin Henderson

Candace Hendricks

Nancy Holman

Paisley Howerton

Harrison Taylor

Staff Liaisons

Mike Bellis

Randy Frazer

Evan Haney

Andrew Lawson

Connie Moore

Josh White

II. Consent Agenda (*Voice Vote*)

- [1.](#) Approve minutes of the December 2, 2021, regular meeting.
- [2.](#) Approve calendar of regular Board meetings for 2022.

III. Old Business

- [1.](#) Discuss beautification of City entrances.
- [2.](#) Discuss prioritization of improvements and changes to existing park inventory.

IV. New Business

- [1.](#) **Adoption Request:** *Lovie Watson Park* (ACPL StoryWalk)
- [2.](#) **Adoption Request:** *West Chestnut Avenue* (Suicide Prevention of Cowley County Coalition)
- [3.](#) Discuss Spring Cleanup Day ideas.

V. Other Miscellaneous Items

- [1.](#) Downtown visioning study Feb. 5
- [2.](#) Mayor’s Monarch Pledge Report
- [3.](#) Next 2022 Tacolalah Executive Committee meeting will be at **noon February 3** at 400 W. Madison

VI. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: 1:00 PM Thursday, February 24, 2022 at Water Treatment Facility, 400 W. Madison Ave.

Arkansas City Beautification and Tree Advisory Board
12/2/21 Minutes

A regular meeting was held **Thursday, December 2, 2021**, at the Water Treatment Facility. Meeting called to order at **1:07 p.m.**

I. Roll Call:

Board Members

- Robin Henderson
- Candace Hendricks
- Nancy Holman
- Paisley Howerton (via GoToMeeting)
- Harrison Taylor

Staff Liaisons

- Mike Bellis
- Randy Frazer
- Evan Haney
- Andrew Lawson
- Connie Moore
- Josh White

II. Consent Agenda:

Candace made a motion to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the minutes of the **October 28, 2021**, regular meeting and the **2022** regular meeting calendar, as presented. Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved **4-0** on a voice vote.

Meetings will be **Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 22, Oct. 27** and **Dec. 1**.

III. Old Business:

Andrew said a group of volunteers is still working to form a joint committee and reapply to adopt the **Docking garden**. They also will be working on securing donations from local businesses and greenhouses to purchase plants and supplies.

Andrew said this is still a busy time of the year for Pike Construction. Carlla doesn't think they will get to the **Walnut Park** pavilion until **January or February 2022**. He asked Connie to work with Pike on the size of the pad and table dimensions.

There was a little more discussion about Rotary's plans to help to enhance the **Hike-Bike Trail Extension (Phase 2)** project.

Andrew is still waiting to hear from LWCF regarding **Project No. 20-00785** and suggested a future study session about this.

IV. New Business:

Andrew presented a draft spreadsheet that attempts to prioritize improvements and changes to the **City's park inventory**, going out 10 years. This will be the basis for future recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Commission.

Connie said he was pretty comfortable with most of the information presented, but the Board asked for a few minor changes.

Andrew showed the Board the Winfield master plan for parks, trails and recreation, which is something staff want to emulate.

Candace presented examples of City signage she likes and led a discussion of what could be done to improve the City's signs.

Considerations include lack of available funding (although there is still some Evergy money remaining), which Candace wants to address with community and club fundraising; style and size of signage; and whether to use local builders' talents.

She also talked about other possible ideas for beautifying **City entrances**, including cleaning/refinishing the underpass walls.

Candace left the meeting in progress at **2:09 p.m.**

V. Other Miscellaneous Items:

Paisley and Andrew completed the annual **Mayor's Monarch Pledge report** prior to a revised **December 10** deadline. They are also working to apply for seed grants, and connecting with ACHS to grow more starter plants and demonstration gardens.

The next meeting of the 2022 Tacolalah Executive Committee will be at **noon December 16** at the Water Treatment Facility.

Robin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved **3-0** on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at **2:20 p.m.** The next regular meeting of the Beautification and Tree Advisory Board will be at **1 p.m. Jan. 27, 2022**.

2022 CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD MEETS AT 1 P.M. ON THE 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH*

January 27, 2022

February 24, 2022

March 24, 2022

April 28, 2022

May 26, 2022

June 23, 2022

July 28, 2022

August 25, 2022

September 22, 2022

October 27, 2022

December 1, 2022 (*moved from November due to Thanksgiving holiday*)

*all meetings to be held at the Water Treatment Facility unless moved

		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030+
189.81	McFarland Pond	U.S. 77 Bypass										Develop?
166.53	Knebler Pond	28674 71st Road	Disc Golf									ADA
102.24	Hike-Bike Trail	102 N. Eighth St.		Phase 2				Phase 3?				Phase 4?
	Central Trail	Sixth Street			Phase 1A	Phase 1B		Phase 2		Phase 3		Phase 4?
83.63	Veterans Memorial Lake	803 W. Taylor Ave.		ADA		Playground						
37.52	Poplar Walking Trail	925 E. Poplar Ave.									ADA	Restrooms?
19.60	Chestnut Park	1401 W. Chestnut Ave.			ADA?							
15.04	Newman Park	111 W. Lincoln Ave.			Campers							
13.16	Walnut Park	1100 E. Madison Ave.		ADA				Playground				
7.90	Wilson Park	701 N. Summit St.	Train	Phase 1 (Pavilion)	Phase 2	Phase 3		Phase 4		Phase 5		Phase 6?
7.87	Sleeth Ball Park	1501 South M St.										
4.77	Mills Park	614 Highland Drive										
4.67	Carver Park	100 N. Eighth St.					Rec?					
3.30	Paris Park	210 S. Sixth St.		Fitness	ADA		Playground					
3.10	Cherokee Park	31333 61st Lane										
2.40	Ranney Park	300 E. Poplar Ave.					ADA		Playground			
1.71	Pershing Park	1100 N. Second St.			Restrooms	ADA						
1.70	Robert Cox Memorial Park	1201 N. Fifth St.	Disc Golf					ADA		Playground		
0.98	Lovie Watson Park	614 W. Birch Ave.			Restrooms				ADA		Playground	
0.94	Skate Park	600 W. Fifth Ave.										
0.91	Winton Park	1200 South G St.								ADA		Playground
0.46	Catalpa Park	1824 N. 11th St.										
0.23	Ben Givens Center City Park	101 N. Summit St.										

Sanitation shifts to 4-day schedule Jan. 17-21 due to MLK Jr. Day



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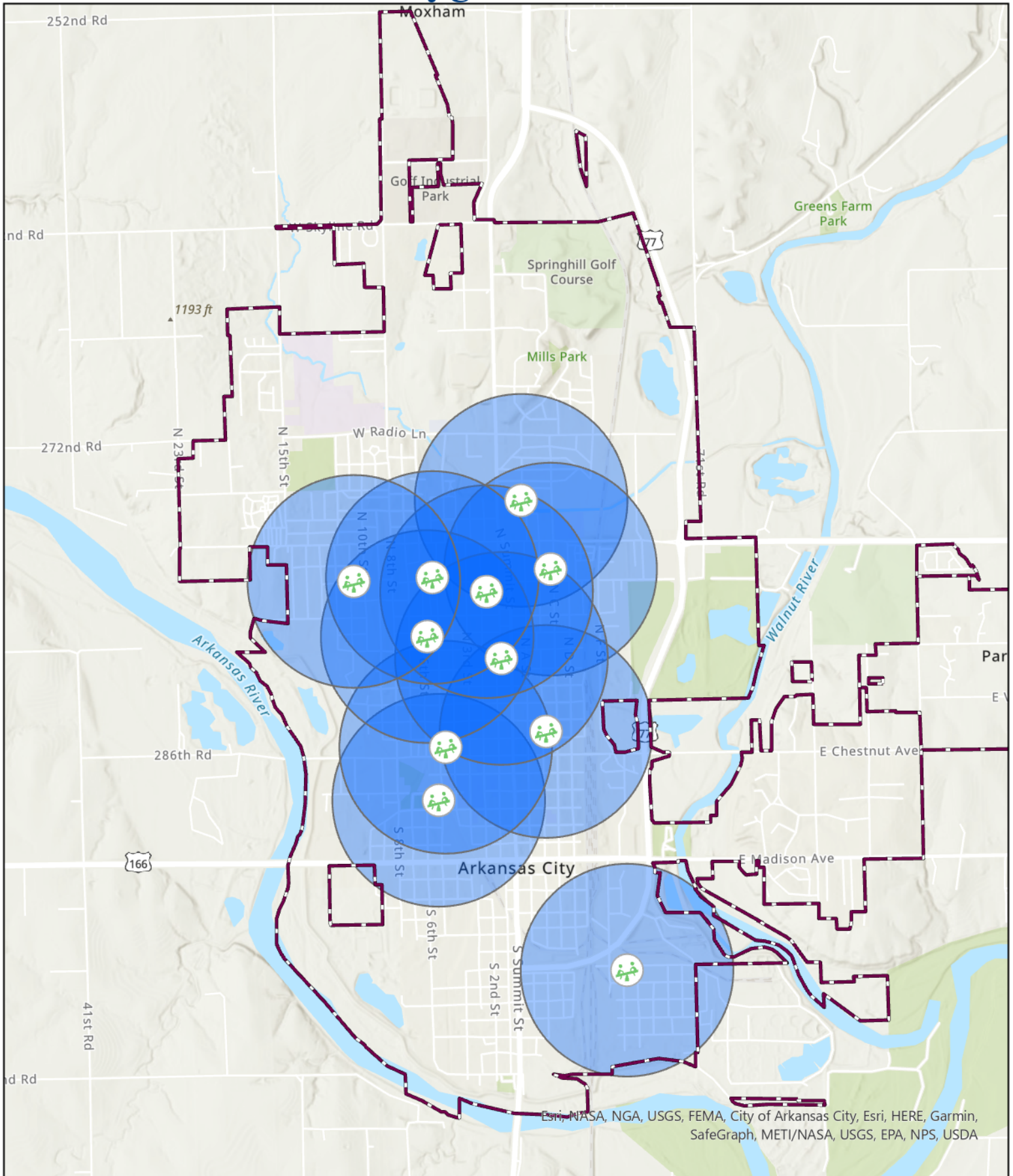
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Andrew Lawson

From: Mendy Pfannenstiel <mendy@acpl.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:42 AM
To: Andrew Lawson
Subject: StoryWalk at Lovie Watson

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Andrew,

Do I need to be added to the agenda for the Beautification board to add a storywalk at Lovie Watson? I have received grant funding that will pay for the posts/displays.

Thanks--and hope you enjoyed the holidays!

Mendy

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Mendy Pfannenstiel | *Director*

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My "email" hours are 9am-3pm, M-F, CST.

Proposal to Adopt Area Near West Chestnut Bridge

Suicide Prevention
Of EST. 2021 -
Cowley County Coalition

SPOCCC is:

- A collection of concerned and caring Cowley County residents who are motivated to reduce and eliminate suicide in Cowley County.
- The focus of the group is creating awareness through community interaction and a social media presence.
- The 70+ members represent mental health care, local schools, first responders, church organizations, colleges, juvenile justice, family and friend survivors and more.

West Chestnut Bridge

- The bridge and the surrounding area has been a hotspot for mental health crisis and suicide over the last 3 years.
- Surveying the current environment of the bridge, it is obvious that it's condition would not improve the outlook of citizens in crisis that are drawn to this area.

Overall of the Area



Current Conditions



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Short Term Goals

- Clean up the area of trash, weeds & undergrowth
- Work with County to refurbish the barricade
- Provide the Suicide Lifeline Number in signage
- Install “Senior Street” type positive messaging on the existing roadway
- Install plaque in conjunction with Hog Mob Ministries
- Explore solar lighting options

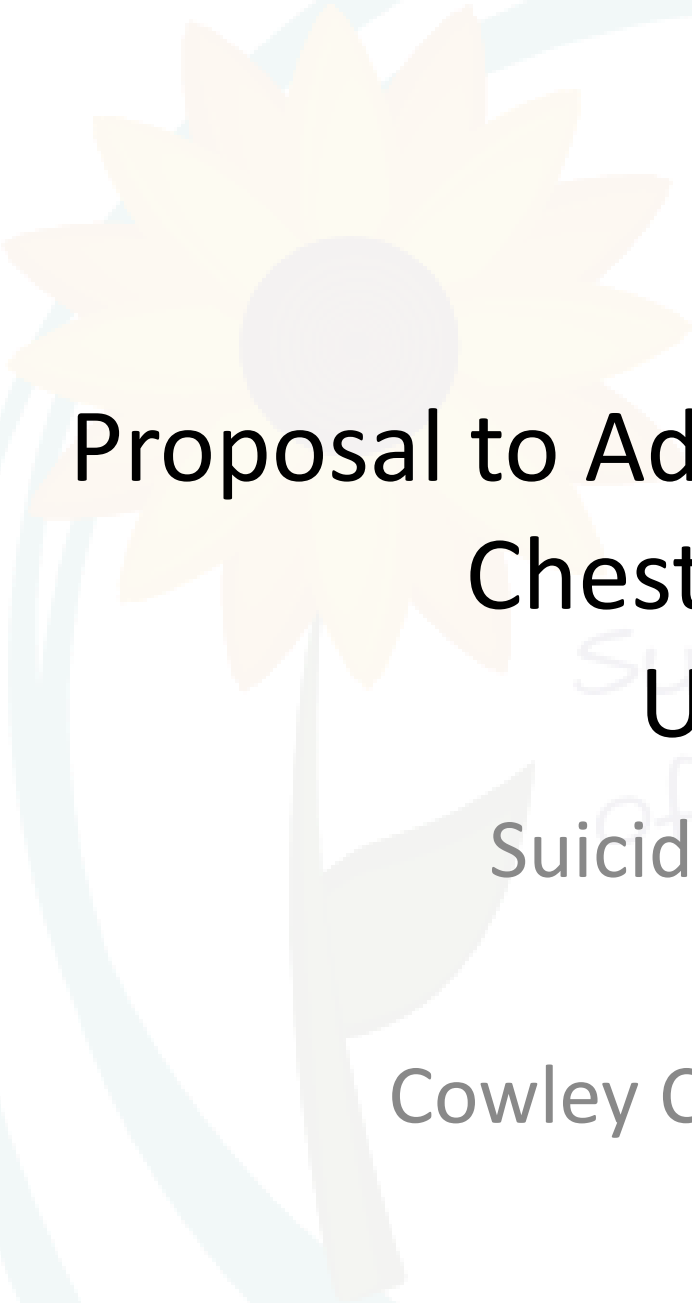
Long Term Goals

- Make frequent checks of the area to keep it clean and looking good.
- Add other signs as desired
- Place sign indicating the coalition has adopted the area.
- Follow through with a lighting option

Questions or Concerns



Suicide Prevention
of Cowley County
- EST. 2021 -



Proposal to Adopt Area Near West Chestnut Bridge UPDATE

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Last Week



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Lots of Help

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Community





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of Cowley County

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RE:BUILDING ARK CITY COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION

11 AM TO 12:30 PM FEB. 5

YOU'RE INVITED!

We want to hear YOUR ideas for revitalizing downtown Arkansas City.

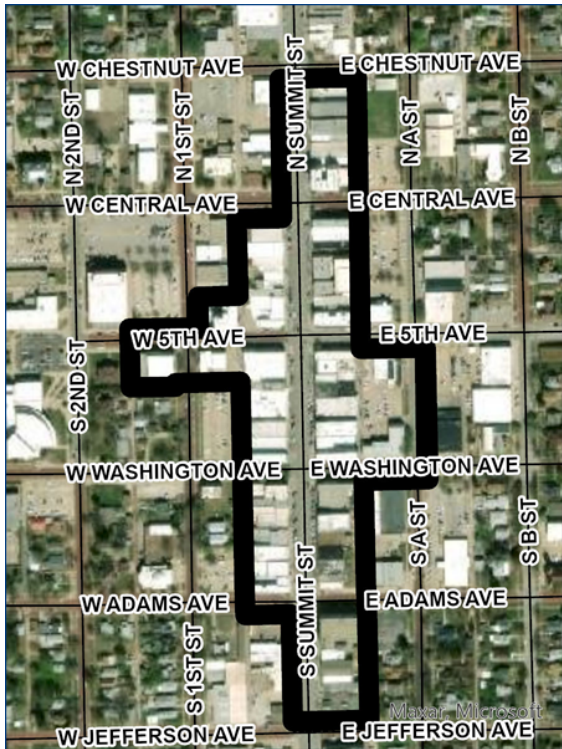
PLEASE JOIN US!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022
11 AM - SMALL GROUP BREAKOUTS
NOON TO 12:30 PM - CLOSE-OUT

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118 S. SUMMIT ST.
ARKANSAS CITY, KS

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

To RSVP, contact:
Josh White
City of Arkansas City
jwhite@arkansascityks.gov
(620) 441-4420



This Community Input Session will be led by Kansas State University to provide input for the revitalization of downtown Arkansas City and the Downtown Historic District.



Andrew Lawson

From: Mayors Monarch Pledge <mayorsmonarchpledge@nwf.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 11:01 AM
To: alawson@arkansascityks.gov
Subject: Monarch Joint Venture Joins Mayors' Monarch Pledge January Network-Wide Meeting

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Save the Date: Mayors' Monarch Pledge Network-Wide Meeting on Jan 24th

Dear Mayors' Monarch Pledge Participants,

Please join the Mayors' Monarch Pledge program on **January 24th from 4-5 PM Eastern** for our first network-wide meeting of the year. We are excited to begin another year of work with all of our 2022 pledges, and will be celebrating some of the many accomplishments from all communities that pledged in 2021.



During this meeting we will be joined by special guest speaker Wendy Caldwell who is the current Executive Director at [Monarch Joint Venture](#), a national organization working to build a national partnership of federal and state agencies, other nonprofits, community groups, businesses, and academic programs to conserve monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

Below you will find the agenda and Zoom link for our network-wide meeting on **January 24th from 4-5 PM Eastern**. Please note that this is not a public event – it is intended for our Mayors' Monarch Pledge staff points of contact. We encourage you to join via your computer or smartphone so you can view the presentation and participate in our video call! The meeting will be recorded and added to the Resource Center.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://nwf-org.zoom.us/j/99234679355?pwd=Tjh1UmpXbXl3b1A5aVd1ZEdVSDJnQT09>

Joining by Phone: Dial - +1646 558 8656, Meeting ID: 992 3467 9355

AGENDA:

A. Roll Call and Zoom Overview

B. 2021 Mayors' Monarch Pledge Report Highlights: *Patrick Fitzgerald, Senior Director of Community Wildlife*

C. Special Guest Speaker with Brief Q&A: *Wendy Caldwell, Executive Director of Monarch Joint Venture*

- Wendy Caldwell is the Executive Director of Monarch Joint Venture, an organization leading national monarch conservation efforts since 2009 through building partnerships across a diverse set of stakeholders committed towards conserving the monarch migration. Wendy will be sharing a few initiatives and projects that the organization has been working on as well as monarch conservation best practices, that can help increase community engagement in conservation efforts.

D. Scientific Update on Boom in Western Monarch Numbers: *Rebeca Quiñonez-Piñón, Climate-Resilient Habitats Senior Manager and Chief Monarch Recovery Strategist*

E. National Wildlife Federation Updates: *Emily Preziotti, Community Wildlife Manager*

- The re-pledging period has begun! [Retake the Pledge](#) from December 1 – March 31.
- The [Online Platform How-To Manual](#) will help you learn to navigate the

website and your community's profile page.

- Please update your community profile, if you haven't already – post a photo, add a "community spotlight" by visiting the [Mayors' Monarch Pledge Portal website](#).
- If you're on Facebook, please join the [Mayors' Monarch Pledge Facebook group](#).
- The Virtual and Alternative Activity Guide is a resource to support communities through the Covid-19 pandemic which has limited certain events and activities. This guide is located in the [Resource Center](#).

F. Breakout Group Questions, Dawit Kifleariam, Community Wildlife Program Coordinator

- Introductions: Name and community
- What were some of your community highlights or milestone achievements from 2021?
- What resources could help support your work in 2022?
- What are you planning to do this year?

G. Report Out from Breakout Groups

H. 2022 Mayors' Monarch Pledge Network-Wide Meeting Schedule: March 14th, May 9th, July 11th, September 12th, and November 14th (4:00pm – 5:00pm ET)



Patrick Fitzgerald
Senior Director of Community Wildlife
National Wildlife Federation

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Monarch Butterfly Conservation | Xerces Society

<https://xerces.org/monarchs>

Milkweed Vendor Map | The Monarch Joint Venture

<https://monarchjointventure.org/mjvprograms/habitat/milkweed-vendor-map>

Monarch Watch Monarch Tagging Program

<https://monarchwatch.org/tagging/>

Monarch Stewards

<https://www.nwf.org/monarchstewards>

Monarch Larva Monitoring Project | The Monarch Joint Venture

<https://monarchjointventure.org/mlmp>

Citizen Science | Project Monarch Health | University of Georgia

<https://www.monarchparasites.org/>

Western Monarch Count

<https://www.westernmonarchcount.org/>

Monarch Butterflies | Track Migration

<https://journeynorth.org/monarchs>

Western Monarch Milkweed Mapper

<https://www.monarchmilkweedmapper.org/>