

*Butterflyway Project*  
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Current Status

- Purchased wildflower seedlings through the Ecology Ottawa fundraiser and from Ritchie Feed and Seed Inc. We anticipate that this would cover about 6 patches varying in size from 3 x 3 feet to 4 x 6 feet. Purchase of another batch from another nursery for a total value of about \$250.00 is still pending. Cost tally to date: about \$900.00 - paid by the two Butterflyway Rangers. I will seek ways to recuperate all or most of these costs. Update follows.
- Prepared a call for volunteers (article) - posted in the HCCA's Newsroom. It includes a call for donations of wild flowers.
- Wrote a letter to Mayor Watson regarding the Mayors' Monarch Pledge. If he agrees, HCCA will host the mayor (in-person or virtually) to mark the signing of the pledge and to promote the importance of supporting pollinators and increasing biodiversity. I shared this letter with the HCCA President and Vice-President. If accepted, this would be an excellent opportunity for the HCCA to highlight its ongoing initiatives and reinforce the residents' sense of belonging and pride in our community. It would also be a good opportunity for the mayor to meet with HCCA members and residents, and put Ottawa on the map of other Canadian cities whose mayors have signed the Mayors' Monarch Pledge already.
- Developed the approach to initial pollinator patch planting (logistics and dates).

Proposed Approach

In light of the COVID-19 situation one of the three possible scenarios would be followed, depending on restrictions that may still be in place after May 20, 2021.

**Scenario 1.** If restrictions for outdoor activities are lifted on May 20, planting would be done in pairs of two people, with appropriate social distancing and masks.

**Scenario 2.** If some restrictions for outdoor activities remain in place after May 20, planting would be done one-person-at-a-time, on a staggered schedule. This means that only one volunteer would be planting in any given 90-min time slot, and would be succeeded by another volunteer who would continue in the next time slot. In this way, there would be no direct contact.

A detailed planting schedule for each of the locations will be developed once we know how many people have registered to help out with the planting.

**Scenario 3:** If restrictions continue beyond June 11 (our alternate planting date) we would need to find temporary locations (e.g. Butterflyway Rangers' own yards or other), to plant the seedlings in order to prevent loss of planting material, and then dig them out and resume planting in their permanent spots once the situation normalizes.

Note: COVID-19 protocols that are in force on the day of planting will be fully followed in all three scenarios.

### Key Dates

Zoom meeting with volunteers: April 26, 7:00 pm

Seedlings pick up: April 29-30

Planting: June 4-5 (morning)

Alternate planting date: June 11-12 (morning)