

# Mid-America Monarch

## CONSERVATION STRATEGY

2018 - 2038

The eastern monarch population has declined by over 80 percent in the past 20 years. We are creating a blueprint to reverse the monarch population decline through a voluntary, coordinated, landscape-scale habitat conservation approach.

Monarchs were petitioned for being listed as a threatened species in 2014.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is assessing the status of monarchs and will determine if monarchs should be listed under the Endangered Species Act by June 2019. The Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (MAFWA) led an effort to develop the Mid-America Monarch Conservation Strategy. The Service welcomes the Strategy's habitat goals as potential positive outcomes to improve the future of the eastern monarch population. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, cooperating state agencies and partners provided funding.



## Purpose

To facilitate cohesive, coordinated, and effective conservation actions needed to sustain the eastern population of the monarch butterfly, including restoring, enhancing, and protecting habitat, and providing information, education, and conservation engagement opportunities to interested citizens.

## Goals

To achieve habitat restoration and enhancement to support an average overwintering eastern monarch population in Mexico sufficient to sustain the eastern monarch population and to avoid a regulatory outcome or minimize its impacts (such as monarchs becoming listed under the Endangered Species Act).



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## Strategy Boundaries



### Mid America Strategy

Arkansas  
Illinois  
Indiana  
Iowa  
Kansas  
Kentucky  
Michigan  
Minnesota  
Missouri  
Nebraska  
North Dakota  
Ohio  
Oklahoma  
South Dakota  
Texas  
Wisconsin

### Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (NEAFWA)

Connecticut  
Delaware  
Maine  
Massachusetts  
Maryland  
New Hampshire  
New Jersey  
New York  
Pennsylvania  
Rhode Island  
Vermont  
Virginia  
West Virginia

## Additional Resources

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service [fws.gov/savethemonarch](https://www.fws.gov/savethemonarch)  
Monarch Joint Venture [monarchjointventure.org](https://monarchjointventure.org)  
NFWF Monarch Page [nfwf.org/monarch/Pages/home.aspx](https://nfwf.org/monarch/Pages/home.aspx)  
Farmers for Monarchs [farmersformonarchs.org](https://farmersformonarchs.org)  
Monarch Watch [monarchwatch.org](https://monarchwatch.org)  
Pollinator Partnership [pollinator.org/learning-center/monarchs](https://pollinator.org/learning-center/monarchs)

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