This project provides matching mini-grants to 4-H Clubs or members across the state to plant and maintain monarch habitat gardens on highly visible public properties such as county courthouses, city parks, fairgrounds, school grounds, highway right-of-ways, etc. The purpose of the demonstration plots is to publicly promote plantings that help restore monarch habitat and to engage city mayors, town councils or county commissions, other public entities and local media.

Interested 4-H Clubs and 4-H project leaders will be issued $50 vouchers by the state 4-H office that can be redeemed at GrowNative! plant retailers covering up to ½ of the cost of landscape plantings for each 100 square feet of habitat. Some GrowNative! retailers will offer additional discounts to 4-H Clubs. GrowNative! Retailers will submit reimbursement invoices to MCHF. Plantings must meet specifications provided by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Plants are recommended on smaller plots as they are easier and faster to establish than seed. The Department will provide signs for the plots which include the MCHF, Department and 4-H logos. Statewide and local media promotions of the plantings by GrowNative! and Missouri 4-H will promote MCHF and Department involvement.

The following GrowNative! retailers will take the vouchers and some offer additional discounts to 4-H clubs:

- Rolling Ridge Nursery: we will accept these vouchers and offer a 10% discount to any prospective 4-H groups.
- Hamilton Native Outpost: We would be happy to be included in the list of seed suppliers and accept the vouchers. We will give quantity discounts to the 4-H groups.
- Claire’s Garden
- Pappillon Perennials: I would be happy to give 4H members a 10% discount.
- Sugar Creek Gardens: We will also offer additional discounts to 4H groups. 30% off.
- Gaylena’s Garden: I would be interested in the 4-H effort and will offer plants and seed packets.
- St. Francois Natives
- Smiling Sun Gardens: We’ll offer plants at a 15 percent discount for Greene, Christian and Taney county 4-H clubs/groups
- Missouri Wildflowers Nursery: We will give a 15% discount off our regular retail prices at the nursery.
- Sunrise Gardens
- Longfellow's Garden: We will offer a 20% discount on plant materials to these group projects.

(Some retailers may be willing to ship plants, if travel distance is too great.)
Other GrowNative! retailers may accept the voucher and/or offer discounts to 4-H groups- but did not respond to the initial inquiry, so it may worthwhile to check with the Grow Natiive! retailers near you. Information on additional retailers, can be found at: www.grownative.org, hit Resource Guide tab at top of page, and then plants, plugs or seed lists.

The following website has a map showing locations of retailers: http://grownative.org/resource-guide/grow-native-map-of-retailers/

Vouchers are available for an additional private land plot (but still visible from a roadway) IF applicant meets requirements of a public plot.

Be sure to contact your local media for publicity. We want to promote the restoration of monarch habitat so the monarch can be saved; and to promote the public/community service in which 4-H clubs and 4-H members are engaged.

Things to Do

- Secure a public location
- Plant habitat plot meeting the MDC requirements
- Maintain the habitat plot – not just plant and walk away
- Promote & publicize

Questions?

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