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GLEN ELLYN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION TO CO-SPONSOR PLIGHT OF THE POLLINATOR EVENT AT LOCAL LIBRARY

Glen Ellyn, Illinois--- As part of its continuing efforts to gain awareness of the declining monarch butterfly population, the Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission, together with the DuPage Monarch Project and the River Prairie Group, will host a free program on pollinators to educate participants on simple, easy actions that will help monarchs and pollinators recover. The event will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn Public Library, located at 400 Duane St. in Glen Ellyn.

The program, "Plight of the Pollinator" will be led by Andre Copeland, Interpretive Programs Manager for the Chicago Zoological Society and Brookfield Zoo. The program is part of a developing global and community initiative dedicated to educating the public about providing better habitats for monarch butterflies and other pollinators. In addition to River Prairie Group, DuPage Monarch Projects' partners are the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, the Conservation Foundation and Wild Ones.

Monarchs, bees and other pollinators are struggling for survival in a changing world of dwindling habitat, chemically intense farming practices and extreme weather events. The population of eastern monarch butterflies has suffered dramatic declines in population and bees are experiencing colony collapse. Without these important pollinators, our local and global food supplies are compromised.

In 2015, awareness of the monarch's situation sparked individuals, groups and communities to engage in fun, interactive and educational initiatives throughout the year that called attention to the plight of the monarch. Last year, with the help of the Village of Glen Ellyn and the Glen Ellyn Park District, Glen Ellyn residents successfully planted nearly a hundred native milkweed plants.

"As the 2016 spring season is approaching, our hope is that Glen Ellyn's residents will continue take advantage of programs that help educate them about the plight of the monarch and other pollinators; and to learn how they can be a part of conserving this beautiful species," said Adam Kreuzer, Glen Ellyn's Environmental Commission chairman. "The Commission is proud to kick-off its 2016 initiatives by sponsoring this wonderful program"

For more information on attending the "Plight of the Pollinator" program, please visit DuPageMonarchs.com. Registration is not required.

About Village of Glen Ellyn

Located just 23 miles west of Chicago, the Village of Glen Ellyn, Illinois offers big city amenities with a small town feel. A historic downtown filled with unique shops, restaurants and seasonal events is just one of many attributes that draw visitors to this award-winning community. Small-town charm, civic pride, friendly people and some of the best schools in the state make Glen Ellyn the perfect place to call home. For more information about the Village of Glen Ellyn and the Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission, visit www.glenellyn.org.

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