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## **Mountain View Rolls Out the Welcome Mat to Monarch Butterflies, Thanks to Grant from Google**

*City to expand habitats for monarch butterflies and other pollinators in 2022*

**Mountain View, Calif.** — The City of Mountain View is establishing several new pollinator habitats at the Shoreline at Mountain View wildlife and recreation area to help preserve and protect the monarch butterfly. The City's butterfly habitat preservation effort is the result of a \$30,000 grant from Google.

"Thanks to this generous grant from Google, we can better support the monarch butterfly's repopulation and migration in Mountain View," said Mayor Ellen Kamei. "I was proud to support the Mayors' Monarch Pledge and look forward to our community being able to experience the wonder of these butterflies and other pollinators through the creation of these new habitats."

"We're grateful for the City of Mountain View's partnership and the local ecology experts and community groups that are helping us create beautiful, biodiverse, and accessible nature that supports monarchs and other wildlife," said Erin Beller, Ecology Program Manager at Google. "This grant builds on Google's broader \$1M commitment to restore and enhance hundreds of acres of habitat for monarchs and other pollinators across California, including on our own campuses."

The City will use the grant funding for developing and maintaining three pollinator habitats on 7.7 acres at Shoreline:

- Phase 1 will be a .5 acre site within the 9-acre North East Meadowland area.
- Phase 2 will include two areas: a 2.7 acre site near Pond 1 at Shoreline Golf Links and a 4.5 acre site near Pond 2 on the golf course. Both habitats are expected to be completed in 2022.

The Google grant will also help support the City's community outreach efforts about the benefits of butterfly-friendly plants and pollinators. Similar to what Google is doing across California, these efforts will include engaging with community gardener and garden groups as well as providing native seeds, such as milkweed and butterfly-friendly seeds, to the community through the Mountain View Public Library's [Seed Library program](#).

Earlier this year on April 27, the City Council had [proclaimed](#) its support for taking meaningful actions to protect the monarch butterfly as part of the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge.

### **About the City of Mountain View**

Located between the Santa Cruz Mountains and San Francisco Bay, Mountain View is a diverse community with an estimated population of 82,814. Mountain View covers just over 12 square miles, featuring over 1,000 acres of park and

wildlife areas including the 750-acre wildlife and recreation area called Shoreline at Mountain View. In the heart of Silicon Valley, Mountain View is home to a vibrant downtown and headquarters to many nationally and internationally known corporations including Google, LinkedIn, Intuit and NASA Ames Research Center. For more information, visit [MountainView.gov](http://MountainView.gov).

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