



# RIGHTS-OF-WAY AS HABITAT DATABASE

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### WHAT IS THE DATABASE?

The *Rights-of-Way as Habitat Database* aims to collect data on pollinator habitat managed on rights-of-ways (ROW) and other landscapes across the United States. The database will enable better quantification of habitat managed by ROW organizations, provide benchmarks for habitat restoration activities, highlight the ecosystem benefits that ROW provide, and promote new conservation partnerships and collaborations. The database is developed in partnership with the *Rights-of-Way as Habitat Working Group* facilitated by the Energy Resources Center (ERC) of the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC).

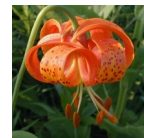
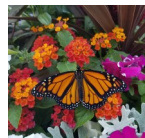


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### WHY SHOULD I CONTRIBUTE DATA TO THE DATABASE?

Sharing data on pollinator habitat managed by your organization enables greater collaboration between organizations and helps to advance our knowledge and understanding of the value ROW play in supporting pollinators. The database also helps to track and manage your organization's conservation goals and metrics, and it can help to prioritize restoration opportunities. Compiling your information in the database will make it easier to communicate your ecological accomplishments with stakeholders and the public. Optionally, the database can also facilitate reporting to other conservation initiatives and databases, such as the *Monarch Conservation Efforts Database* compiled by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The benefits of your participation extend beyond pollinators and will be valuable as concerns for other species arise and interest in natural heritage continues to increase.

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### HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

The *Rights-of-Way as Habitat Database* is in the pilot phase of development. The ERC has partnered with several interested ROW organizations and the Keller Science Action Center at the Field Museum to understand data availability, management needs and constraints, and the desired functionality of the database. If you are interested in learning more or joining our design-advisory team, please contact Iris Caldwell at the ERC.

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