



Update on the Nationwide Monarch CCAA for Energy and Transportation Lands

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Innovative New Model for Conservation

- The first nationwide CCAA
- Supported by over 40 industry partners
- Values cross-sector collaboration
- Completed on the fastest timeline of any such agreement



CCAA Goal and Conservation Potential

- > The goal of this CCAA is to encourage participation in voluntary conservation on energy and transportation lands that results in a net benefit to monarchs.
- > The conservation potential of the Agreement aspires to the enrollment of up to **26 million acres of energy and transportation lands contributing over 300 million stems of milkweed and 2.3 million acres** of monarch foraging habitat, over the coming decades.



Ryan Hagerty, USFWS

Thank you to the CCAA Advisory Team!

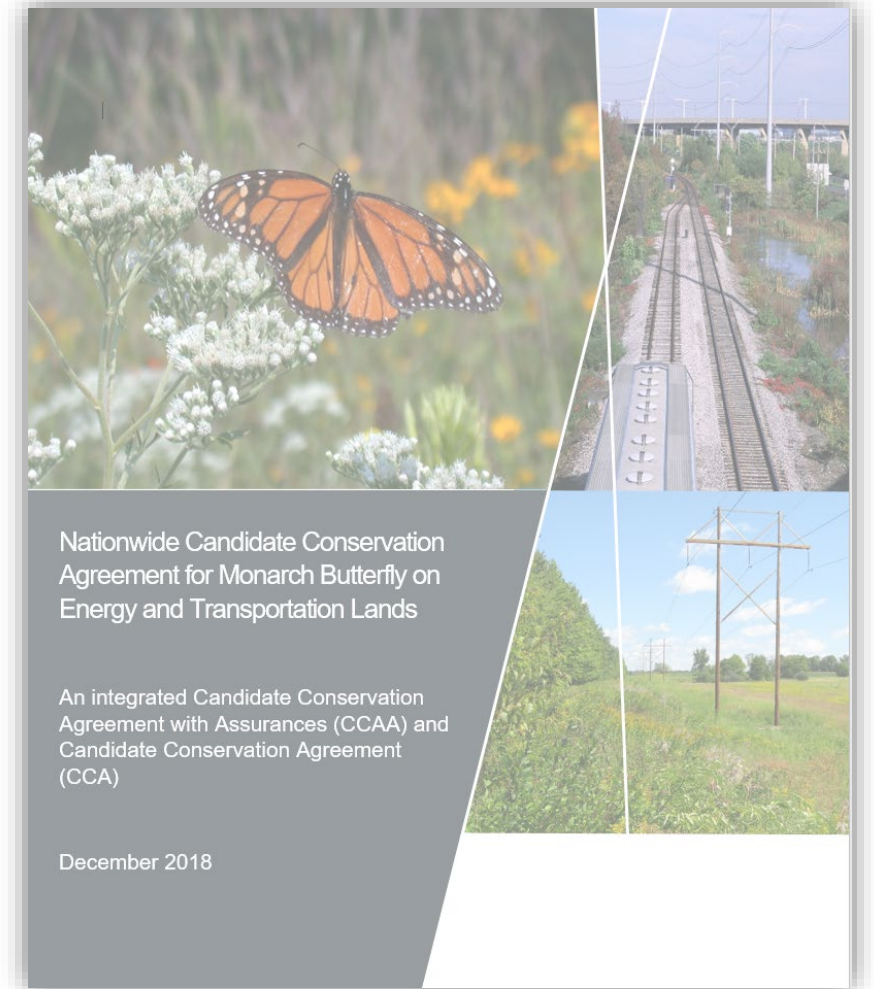


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Completion of the Draft Agreement

- > September – November 2018: Internal reviews by CCAA Advisory Team
- > November – December 2018: Finalized draft
- > December 6, 2018: Submission to USFWS
- > December 22 to January 25: Federal shutdown; initial outreach to external stakeholders



Service Review/Public Comment Period

- > Intra-Service review underway
 - Conference opinion/Section 7 consultation
 - NEPA review
 - Inter-regional review
 - Headquarters review

- > Federal Register publication coming soon!
 - 60 day public comment period
 - Targeting mid-March to mid-May

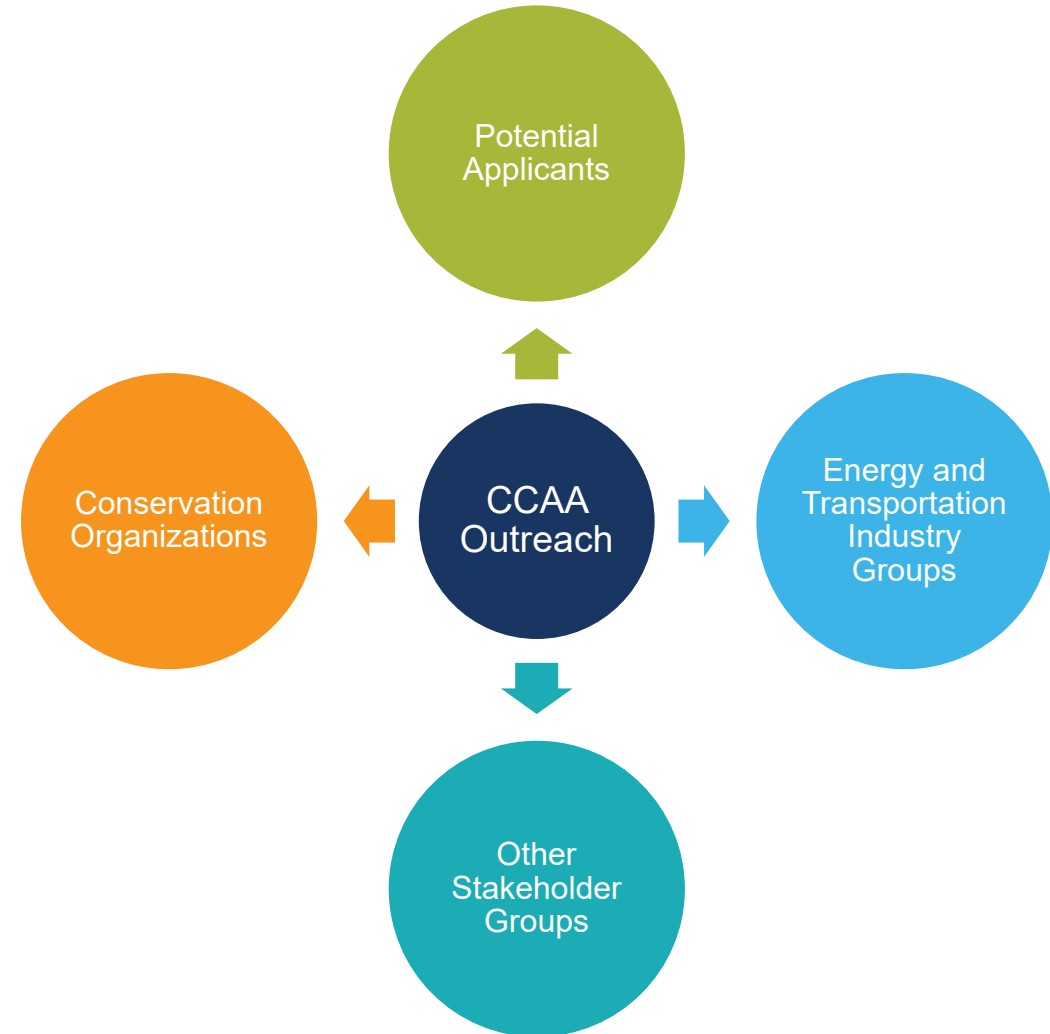


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Outreach to Stakeholders

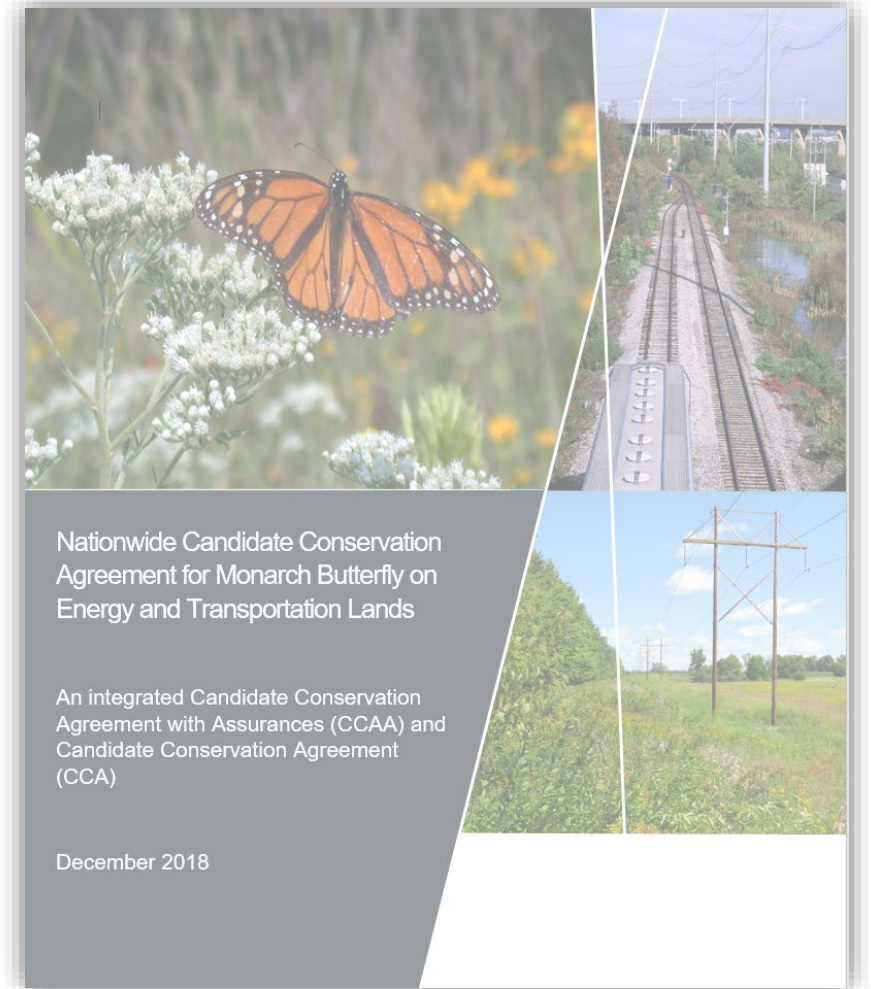
> Outreach efforts have focused on:

- Increasing awareness by interested parties
- Educating potential applicants
- Building support for agreement
- Communicating the successful partnership



Implementation Preparations

- > Advisory Committee Preparation
- > Implementation Toolbox Preparation
- > Administrative Fee Calculator
- > Cost-Benefit Analysis
- > Program Operations



Tools Available

> Several communication tools are now available to support enrollment decision making:

– Key Talking Points

– Introductory Summary

– Implementation FAQ

Nationwide Candidate Conservation Agreement for Monarch Butterfly on Energy and Transportation Lands
Introductory Summary

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Why Participate?

This Agreement will allow companies and organizations to perform

Key Benefits:

This Agreement may help:

- 1) Protect your company or organization from risks related to regulatory uncertainty.
- 2) Avoid potential project delays or added maintenance costs.
- 3) Streamline regulatory processes that can add costs and impact construction timelines.
- 4) Generate positive public perception by measuring conservation commitments.
- 5) Promote public-private partnerships that create a net-benefit for both conservation and business interests.

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Implementation Frequently Asked Questions

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This frequently asked questions is oriented primarily towards specific implementation questions commonly encountered by organizations considering enrollment in the Agreement. This document is organized alphabetically by topic. Please note that general frequently asked questions regarding the Agreement are also answered in a previous document compiled by UIC and [available online](#).

Purpose and Need for the Agreement

Question	Response
Why should I commit my organization, or company, to this Agreement?	Committing to the Agreement provides regulatory assurances to your organization in the event that the monarch is listed as an endangered species. For businesses managing field operations, this provides clear and lasting benefits by streamlining regulatory requirements and minimizing disruptions that can occur from a listing under the Endangered Species Act.
What is the value of this, if the monarch isn't listed as an endangered species?	If the monarch is determined to <i>not warrant listing</i> by the USFWS, the Agreement may still provide multiple benefits to your organization, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regulatory assurance, in the event that a court decision could result in immediate listing of the species at a later date.• Potential to preclude the need for a future listing decision, if conservation efforts

Looking Ahead

Task #	Task Name	Task Lead	Start	Finish	2018		2019					
					Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
1	Pre-application briefings and coordination within Service	USFWS w/ UIC and Cardno	10/16/2018	12/6/2018								
2	Conduct USFWS Inter-regional Review and Initiate Surname Review	USFWS	12/6/2018	2/28/2019								
3	Submit Documents to Federal Register	USFWS	2/28/2019	3/21/2019								
4	Conduct Stakeholder Outreach	USFWS, UIC and Cardno	12/20/2018	5/1/2019								
5	Federal Register Publication and Public Comment Period	USFWS	3/21/2019	5/21/2019								
6	Authorization of the Final CCAA	USFWS	5/21/2019	6/14/2019								

So What Happens After June?

If decision is:

- > To list as Threatened or Endangered
- > Not Warranted, no listing
- > To list as “Warranted, But Precluded”

CCAA brings value through:

- > Regulatory assurance and incidental take coverage
- > Certainty amidst potential challenges
- > Certainty and consistency; possibility to contribute to (or preclude the need for) future listing decisions

Supporting the CCAA

- > Check out a more detailed webinar posted online:
<http://rightofway.erc.uic.edu/resources/webinars/>
- > Help build awareness and support outreach to your organization and stakeholders
- > Support the CCAA during public comment period
- > Collaborate on press releases or other public communications
- > Enroll in final CCAA if you are an energy or transportation landowner or manager



Questions?

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