



RIGHTS-OF-WAY AS HABITAT
WORKING GROUP



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February 20 - 21, 2019

Schaumburg Convention Center, Schaumburg, IL

Wednesday, February 20

8:00 – 8:30	Check-in (<i>Second Floor Foyer</i>) Coffee Reception	
8:30 – 9:00	Keynote Presentation (<i>Nirvana Ballroom</i>)	Dr. Chip Taylor, Monarch Watch
9:00 – 9:10	Rights-of-Way as Habitat Working Group Welcome	Iris Caldwell, UIC
9:10 – 9:20	Pheasants Forever Welcome	Erin Holmes / Drew Larson, Pheasants Forever
9:20 – 10:00	USFWS & Monarch CCAA Updates Q & A Discussion	Lori Nordstrom, USFWS Dan Salas, Cardno
10:00 – 10:20	Morning Break / CCAA “Help Desk” (<i>Second Floor Foyer / Nirvana Ballroom</i>)	
10:20 – 11:50	Revegetation & Seeding Design (<i>Nirvana Ballroom</i>)	
	Functional Landscapes and Regional Habitat Restoration: A Case Study with AEP on Seeding Native Prairie in Utility Right-of-Ways at The Dawes Arboretum	Shana Byrd, Dawes Arboretum
	An Integrated Approach to Revegetation: New Online Resources for Practitioners	Matt Horning, USFS
	Post-Construction Groundcover on Highway Rights of Way: Designing Seed Mixes that Meet Erosion and Sediment Controls while Benefiting Pollinators	Joel Hunt, Ohio DOT
	The Art & Science of Pollinator Seed Mixture Design	Pete Berthelsen, The Bee & Butterfly Habitat Fund

11:50 – 1:00	Lunch and “Resources Potluck” (<i>Second Floor Foyer</i>)	
1:00 – 1:35	Lightning Talks (<i>Nirvana Ballroom</i>)	
	Pollinator Habitat on Rights-of-Way in Texas: A Case Study	Amy Snelgrove, Texan by Nature
	ATC’s Pollinator Grant Program	Johanna Sievewright, ATC
	Monarch Butterfly Habitat Restoration in Eastern Ontario	Carolyn Callaghan, Canadian Wildlife Federation
	Wildfires and Habitat Management for Utilities: Postcards from the (ROW) Edge	Dan Williams / Jack McCabe, Davey Resource Group
	Growing vs Building: Why is it so Hard to Grow Roadsides While Building Roads?	Ken Graeve, Minnesota DOT
1:35 – 2:40	Vegetation Management (<i>Nirvana Ballroom</i>)	
	IVM Case Study and ANSI Standard Revisions	Bill Rees, W Trees Utility Vegetation Management Consulting, LLC
	Fire, Smoke, and High-Speed Traffic	Ken Graeve, Minnesota DOT
	BMPS for Mowing, Grazing and Brush Removal	Dr. Ray Moranz, Xerces Society
2:45 – 3:05	Afternoon Break (<i>Second Floor Foyer</i>)	
3:05 – 4:10	Monitoring and Tracking Habitat (<i>Nirvana Ballroom</i>)	
	NYPA’s Bee Survey	Lewis Payne, NYPA
	ArcGIS Online Tracking System	Johanna Sievewright, ATC
	Rights-of-Way Geospatial Database Demo	Mark Johnston, Field Museum
	Working Group Pollinator Habitat Scorecard	Iris Caldwell, UIC
4:15 – 5:15	Peer-to-Peer Exchange (<i>Epiphany, Euphoria & Nirvana A</i>)	
	Sector: Energy (Electric / Gas / Solar) Sector: Transportation (Highway / Railroad) Sector: ROW Partners	

6:00 – 8:00 **Networking Dinner at Moretti's**
Additional cost. Must register to attend.

Thursday, February 21

8:00 – 8:15 **Check-in** (*Second Floor Foyer*)
Coffee Reception

8:15 – 8:30 **Day 2 Welcome / Updates from Peer Exchanges** Iris Caldwell,
(Nirvana Ballroom) UIC

8:30 – 10:00 **Panel: Considerations for the Use of Herbicides as a
Habitat Establishment and Maintenance Tool** Dr. Evan Sivesind,
Iowa State University
Travis Rogers,
Corteva Agriscience
Dr. Jason Belcher,
Bayer
Mike Maine,
Nutrien Solutions
Ryan Alltop,
ENCAP Inc.

10:00 – 10:20 **Morning Break** (*Foyer*)

10:20 – 11:15 **Business Case / Building Buy-In** (*Nirvana Ballroom*)

Implementing a Pollinator Program at Your Company:
Xcel Energy's Experience Pam Rasmussen,
Xcel Energy

Framing the Case for Rights-of-Way Habitat to the Public
and Decision Makers Dr. Kristine Nemec,
UNI Tallgrass Prairie Center

NiSource Case Study Brian Kortum,
NiSource

11:15 – 11:30 **Wrap-Up** (*Nirvana Ballroom*)

11:30 – 12:00 **Grab Lunch & Move Rooms to Breakout Rooms**

12:00 – 1:45 **Working Lunch: Building the Business Case - Choose One** (*Epiphany, Prosperity,
Serenity & Euphoria*)

1. Native Seed Strategies: Cost Effective Seed and Sourcing
 2. ESG and Sustainability Reporting for Habitat
 3. Working with Partners to Build Buy-In
 4. Costs-Benefits of the Monarch CCAA
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1:45 – 2:15 **Afternoon Break** (*Second Floor Foyer*)

2:15 – 3:30 **Breakout Sessions - Choose one** (*Epiphany, Prosperity, Serenity & Euphoria*)

1. Metrics and Targets Task Force: Pollinator Habitat Scorecard
 2. Training and Contractor Specifications
 3. What happens after June?
 4. New to the Working Group? How to Get Started
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3:30 – 4:30 **CCAA Advisory Team Meeting** (*Euphoria*)

4:30 – 6:00 **Happy Hour** (*Sam & Harry's – Renaissance Hotel*)
Open to all attendees.
