

How the Monarch CCAA Supports NiSource's ESG Reporting and Biodiversity Commitment

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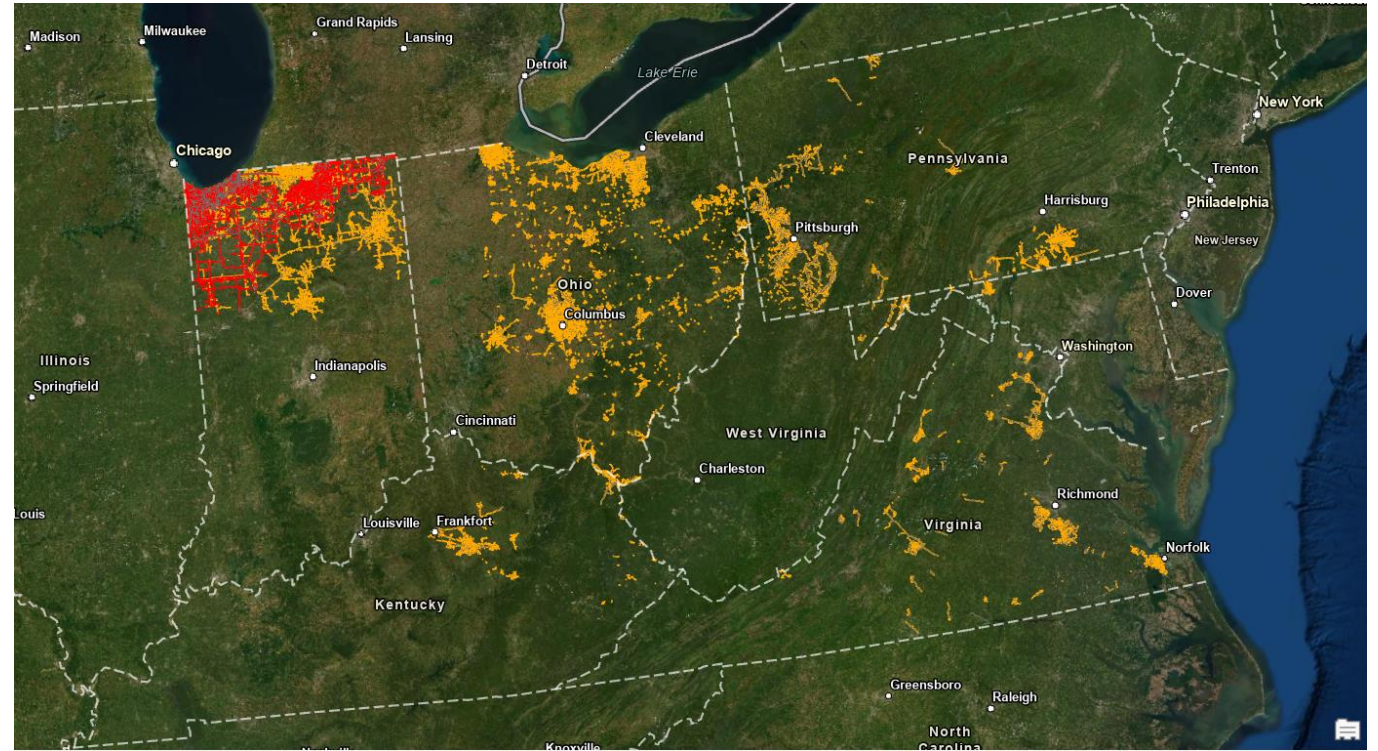
Leveraging the Monarch CCAA in ESG Biodiversity Reporting

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NiSource's Current Biodiversity Reporting

- **First biodiversity-focused disclosures included in the:**
 - Down Jones Sustainability Index Reporting in 2018. Invitation-only; reported annually
 - Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)
- **Focuses on NiSource operations in relation to important biodiversity areas.**



Mapping created for DJSI mapped important biodiversity areas across the 6 states in NiSource's operations. NiSource's 26 important biodiversity areas are defined by IUCN protected areas and Key Biodiversity Areas.

Changes in Biodiversity Reporting Are Coming

- **December 2022 - COP15 in Montreal finalized a new global biodiversity framework. Establishes:**
 - 4 long-term goals for 2050
 - 3 target areas including 23 global targets for 2030
- **Disclosure requirements are evolving:**
 - Increasing quantification
 - Increased recognition of business impacts and dependencies on biodiversity
 - Address new global goals and disclosures for global action
 - Increased social interest

2030 Target Areas of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework



Reducing threats to biodiversity



Meeting people's needs through sustainable use and benefit-sharing



Tools and solutions for implementation and mainstreaming

The Monarch CCAA and NiSource's Biodiversity Strategy

- Habitat conservation via the Monarch CCAA adds underpinning **business value** by speeding up delisting or helping prevent future listings.
- **Habitat conserved and mapped** supports the basis for 4 of 6 NiSource biodiversity targets.

Goal 1.
Create a Net Positive Impact on Biodiversity

100% implementation
of our biodiversity program to avoid, minimize, and offset impacts

Net increase in natural cover
on NiSource managed lands over a 2022 baseline

Sustained or increased biodiversity on more than
70% of sites evaluated

Goal 2.
Strengthen Communities by Our Connections with Nature

100% of NiSource lands mapped for ecosystem services supporting climate change resilience

Sustain or increase compatible recreation on NiSource lands and in underserved communities

Increase nature-based partnerships in our service territories as compared to our 2022 baseline.

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- Monarch CCAA directly supports efforts to avoid, minimize and offset biodiversity impacts.

- Monarch CCAA land cover mapping provides baseline for evaluation.

- Monarch CCAA land cover mapping provides basis for ecosystem services evaluation.

- Habitat conserved adds to our climate resilience.

- Monarch CCAA participation is itself a nature-based partnership.

- CCAA also helps foster new nature-based partnerships.

Recommendations

- **Participate in the Monarch CCAA. Share its successes with others in your company and communities.**
- **Be prepared for future changes in biodiversity reporting – either formal or informal.**
- **Be creative in how the Monarch CCAA can be used to support other company initiatives like ESG goals.**
- **Develop tracking mechanism for acres restored or enhanced for various reporting requirements and opportunities.**

Questions

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