

**Conservation Stewardship Program (CStP)
Approved Land Uses, Targeted Resource Concerns, and Conservation Practices to Support
Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Project for
Improving Working Lands for Monarch Butterflies**

Approved Land Use

Crop, Farmstead, Pasture, Range, Associated Agriculture Lands

Targeted Resource Concerns

- Terrestrial Habitat
- Field Sediment, Nutrient, and Pathogen Loss
- Wind and Water Erosion
- Soil Quality Limitation
- Degraded Plant Condition

Required Activities-

While all of Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)-Kansas approved CStP practices, enhancements, and bundles will be available for the project, **AT LEAST ONE** practice, enhancement, or bundle benefiting the monarch butterfly will be required in the application to be eligible for this project. Kansas NRCS will use the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guide for the monarch butterfly to determine the appropriate practice(s), enhancement(s), and/or bundle for all applications.

For RCPP-CStP the Conservation Assessment Ranking Tool (CART) and the Monarch Evaluation Set will be utilized to assess these applications.

The available core and supporting practices are listed below. Enhancements and bundles associated with these practices under **Terrestrial Habitat and Degraded Plant Condition** resource concerns are **potentially eligible** to meet the one monarch butterfly activity requirement **if** planned specifically to benefit monarchs, as per NRCS-Kansas technical requirements. All activities must result in the establishment or improvement of key milkweed species for monarchs.

Approved Conservation Practices (CPs)

Conservation Practice	Conservation Practice Name
Core Practices	
314	Brush Management
327	Conservation Cover
647	Early Successional Habitat Development/Management
386	Field Border
511	Forage Harvest Management
338	Prescribed Burning
528	Prescribed Grazing
550	Range Planting
390	Riparian Herbaceous Cover
645	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Supporting Practices	
340	Cover Crop
382	Fence
394	Firebreak

561	Heavy Use Area Protection
315	Herbaceous Weed Control
595	Integrated Pest Management
378	Pond
533	Pumping Plant
614	Watering Facility
644	Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management

Additional Requirements

A wildlife plan will be required. The monarch butterfly will be the targeted species. The benchmark condition and habitat treatment practices will be supported with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) NRCS Monarch Butterfly Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guide (WHEG) and Decision Support Tool: Southern Great Plains Edition.

Technical Assistance

Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) area biologists will assist with the monarch butterfly habitat assessments. NRCS is responsible for contract development, contract administration, contract reviews, and follow-up for all contracts.

Identified Priority Feature in Conservation Desktop

Conservation planners should use the identified priority feature in Conservation Desktop (CD) and select "Monarch" for any practice that is planned to benefit the species and is consistent with the RCPP-CStP project. This will allow NRCS to track all conservation practices planned and implemented for the benefit of the monarch.

Ranking

All rankings will be completed in CART. In the event of application ranking score ties, a tie breaker will be utilized to determine the application that will receive funding priority.