

**Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP/EQIP)  
Improving Working Lands for Monarch Butterflies**

**Eligible Land Uses**

Crop, Range, Pasture, Farmstead

**Priority Resource Concerns**

Degraded plant condition, Plant productivity and health

Degraded plant condition, Plant structure and composition

Pest pressure, Plant pest pressure

Terrestrial habitat, Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates

**Additional Requirements**

A wildlife plan will be required including Conservation Practice (CP) 645–Upland Wildlife Habitat Management, as the umbrella practice for other scheduled treatments. The monarch butterfly will be the targeted species. The benchmark condition and habitat treatment practices will be supported with the USDA NRCS Monarch Butterfly Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guide (WHEG) and Decision Support Tool: Southern Great Plains Edition.

**Area of Applicability**

Kansas

**Additional Requirements**

At a minimum at least one priority resource concern, per CART ranking pool, will be addressed to meet or exceed threshold in CART to be eligible for EQIP financial assistance.

**Category** (Applications compete by category)

Kansas

**Eligible Conservation Practices**

- 314 Brush Management
  - Broadcast and aerial treatment will be eligible only where mechanical, or spot treatments are not practical. If broadcast or aerial treatment is planned, justification will be documented in the producer's case file.
- 327 Conservation Cover
- 338 Prescribed Burning
- 340 Cover Crop
  - Cover Crop-Basic scenario can be used for herbaceous plantings that require a cover crop for seedbed preparation.
- 378 Pond
  - CP 378, Pond, is subject to a \$15,000/number payment cap.
- 382 Fence
- 386 Field Border
- 390 Riparian Herbaceous Cover
- 394 Firebreak
- 511 Forage Harvest Management
- 516 Livestock Pipeline
- 528 Prescribed Grazing
- 533 Pumping Plant
- 550 Range Seeding
- 561 Heavy Use Area Protection

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595	Integrated Pest Management
614	Watering Facility
642	Water Well
644	Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management
645	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
647	Early Successional Habitat Development/Management

**Ranking Component Weights**

Vulnerabilities (from CART) – 40%  
Planned Practice Effects (from CART) – 20%  
Program Questions – 15%  
Resource Questions – 15%  
Efficiencies – 10%

**Program Ranking Questions**

Answer one of the following statements regarding benchmark condition and planned treatment points from CART compared to priority resource concern thresholds.

- Existing total points are less than threshold AND planned total points are greater than threshold for one PRIORITY resource concern. (50 points)
- Existing total points are less than threshold AND planned total points are greater than threshold for two or more PRIORITY resource concern. (100 points)
- Otherwise. (0 points)

**Resource Ranking Questions**

Treatments will increase the availability of nectaring plants late in the growing season by using Conservation Practice (CP) 338, 390, 528, 550, or 647. (100 points)