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Chatter From the Chair

One of my favorite things to do is represent the River Prairie Group in DuPage in a variety of settings and organizations. This Fall I was able to recognize three recipients of the DuPage Monarch Project with their 2023 awards. Read the article here by Lonnie Morris for details on the amazing work being done for the benefit of pollinator species of all sorts. And speaking of DuPage Monarch Project, Lonnie has made arrangements for our February program, which will feature an amazing film by naturalist Emily Stone on “Why Butterflies Need Volcanoes: A Foray into the Ecology of Overwintering Monarchs in Mexico.”

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Dams are Never Good for Rivers

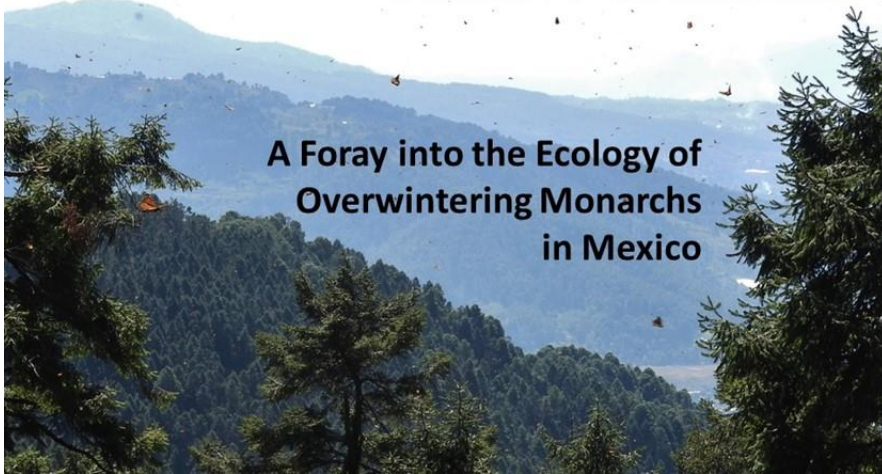
In 2004, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) finalized and published its report on whether the three rivers in DuPage County were meeting the goals of the Clean Water Act (CWA). One of those reports was titled “Total Maximum Daily Loads for Salt Creek, Illinois” (TMDL). To anyone paying attention to this report, it was not a surprise that it (and two other reports on the East and West Branches of the DuPage River) declared that Salt Creek was not meeting the goals of the CWA. [More...](#)



Environmental and Justice Update for DuPage County

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage, Village of Glen Ellyn, and Midwest SOARRING (Save Our Ancestors Remains and Resources Indigenous Network Group) have signed an agreement for the long-abandoned McKee House in the East Branch Forest Preserve in Glen Ellyn to be a Native American Cultural Arts and Nature Center. [More...](#)

Butterflies Need Volcanoes



**A Foray into the Ecology of
Overwintering Monarchs
in Mexico**

Why Butterflies Need Volcanoes

Join the friends of the DuPage Monarch Project for a virtual program on February 28 at 7:00 pm. This will feature a one-hour presentation from naturalist Emily Stone. Emily traveled to Michoacán, Mexico, in December 2022 to visit the sanctuaries where monarch butterflies overwinter. [More...](#)



Recognizing Outstanding Contributions to Pollinator Conservation

DuPage Monarch Project is pleased to announce that DuPage County, Fermilab Natural Areas, and Darien Garden Club have been recognized for their outstanding contributions to pollinator conservation. [More...](#)



Reducing Our Reliance on Plastics to Save the Planet

On October 25 at our program meeting, Anu Vermu presented an interesting look at the history of plastic use and the dilemma we now face. [More...](#)



River Prairie Group OUTINGS Committee

Outings! The cornerstone of the Sierra Club from its inception. Getting folks outside to experience nature in hopes that they will be:

- Refreshed and invigorated to have a life more connected to the natural world.
- More inclined to want to protect these wild spaces for others to enjoy.

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Upcoming Programs

January - The Restoration of Salt Creek, a Deep Dive with the Experts from the DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup. In person at Glen Ellyn History Center. [Register for details and updates.](#)

February - Why Butterflies Need Volcanoes, a presentation by naturalist Emily Stone. This virtual program offered by the DuPage Monarch Project. [Register for Zoom link.](#)

Last Word

“I know of no restorative of heart, body, and soul more effective against hopelessness than the restoration of the Earth.”

— Barry López



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