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County receives national awards for monarch butterfly habitat conservation efforts

Washington County's Public Works Department received two national awards for protecting and growing monarch butterfly habitats.

The awards were presented to county staff by the Monarch Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances Program (MCCAA), a voluntary program aimed at protecting and growing monarch butterfly habitats within roads' right-of-way.

The county received the Biggest Adopter Award given to partners with the most acres using adopted conservation measures. The county also received the Highflyer Award given to partners with the highest percentage of adopted acres above their 2023 target.

The Washington County Board of Commissioners recognized staff for the awards July 9.

The Public Works Department intends to continue participating in this program to help establish, restore and maintain the monarch butterfly population in Washington County.

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