

Rockland Pocket Preserve

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RECLAIMING 6,500 square feet along the Sheldrake River from invasive plants to make a bird and pollinator refuge.

It all started more than 130 milkweed plants spotted on June 7, 2022. The Village of Mamaroneck Tree Committee and Committee for the Environment has since started clearing decades worth of invasive plants.



Timeline



October 2021

Committee for the Environment begins to research the ecological resources of Mamaroneck's rivers. The Rockland and Fayette location is identified as a site for restoration along the Sheldrake River.



March 2022

Committee for the Environment members take walks along Sheldrake to survey invasive species and potential for connecting pollinator gardens along the Sheldrake in the future.



June 7, 2022

More than 100 milkweed plants were spotted on a piece of Village of Mamaroneck property. The committee starts to plan the first Monarch Butterfly Festival to educate residents.



June 8, 2022

Milkweed plants were cordoned off and Village of Mamaroneck agreed not to disturb the land.



June 20, 2022

Volunteers from Village of Mamaroneck Committee for the Environment weeded around the milkweed plants.



Summer, 2022

Milkweed continues to grow supporting the Monarch Butterfly lifecycle at Rockland pocket. The IUCN lists Monarchs as an



October 22, 2022

Volunteers begin to clear out
invasive knotweed, porcelain berry
mug wort and multiflora rose



October 23, 2022

More than 80 community
volunteers with Village of
Mamaroneck Tree Committee and
Committee for the Environment
cleared the land!



November 4, 2022

Planting native seeds
and plants begin.

How You Can Help



**VOLUNTEER
WITH US**



**DONATE NATIVE
PLANTS & SEEDS**



DONATE MONEY





Friends of Rockland Pocket

So many people are moving this project forward. Here are some volunteer superstars who loaned us countless hours, contributed funds for native plants being planted or generously dug up plants from their own garden



Volunteer Superstars

*Felix Appfalterer
Jen LeClair
Lindsay Newblatt Reitzes
Romel Roach
Ray Villani
Christi Young*



Donated Plants

*The Meltzer Family
Rosedale Nurseries
Weaver Gardens*



Shared Plants

*The Schaub Family
The Thomas Family*



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