

MONARCH BUTTERFLY

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Potential Species on the Horizon?

Little Brown Bat

Tri-Colored Bat

Black Rail Mussel

Blanding's Turtle

Monarch Butterfly Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA).

The Monarch Butterfly is being reviewed for potential listing under the U. S. Endangered Species Act of 1973, with an expected decision date of 12/15/20.

If listed, the Monarch Butterfly could have far reaching effects, including operation concerns for transportation agencies. One option to address these concerns, if the species is listed, is the Monarch Butterfly Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA). This agreement requires partners to perform conservation measures on a percentage of lands (percentage varies by sector) enrolled in the agreement. By performing these conservation measures and completing monitoring and reporting requirements, the partner is afforded incidental take coverage for Monarch Butterfly on enrolled lands. This means that general maintenance or projects to fix an existing road will not have to go through formal section 7 consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for impacts to milkweed on enrolled lands.

County and City Transportation Departments will have to make the decision of whether to enroll their systems into this agreement. County and City roads will not be covered under a Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) enrollment if MDOT enrolls the state trunkline system.

Enrollment in this program is available until the effective listing date, which is one (1) year beyond the decision to list the species. If it is determined that the species warrants listing on 12/15/20, then applicants will have until 12/15/21 to submit their completed applications to University of Illinois Chicago (UIC).

Where can you get more information?

<http://rightofway.erc.uic.edu/national-monarch-ccaa/>

https://www.fws.gov/savethemonarch/CCAA_faq.html

http://rightofway.erc.uic.edu/wp-content/uploads/Final_CCAA_040720_Fully-Executed.pdf

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