



Backyard Bloom Boost

Native pollinator plants will be provided free to 10 Rock Island County residents who apply for funding from the Rock Island Soil and Water Conservation District. This opportunity was made possible with funding provided by the **Quad Cities Community Foundation** and the **Clean River Advisory Council**.

What is the landowner's contribution? Meet with Rock Island SWCD staff to review proposed site. Discuss site preparation, planting, and mulching of plants. Physically complete the site prep, planting and mulching of the site (unless you are physically unable to do so). Maintain garden site for minimum of three years.

Why participate? To promote the conversion of non-native grass lawns into habitat that beautifies yards with native plant species, reduces chemical use and stormwater runoff, and provides valuable habitat for Monarch Butterflies and other pollinator species.

After Rock Island SWCD's approval, recipients will receive 36 native plant plugs in 3.5" pots to plant in their approved garden site.

Who is eligible: All homeowners of Rock Island County with targeted neighborhoods of East Moline Watertown, Moline Floreciente, and West End Rock Island.

How to apply: Fill out the application and turn it into the Rock Island Soil and Water Conservation District office in Milan or email the application form to dgillespie@rockislandswcd.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Dayna Gillespie at 309-764-1486 or dgillespie@rockislandswcd.org.

Sign-up ends: **March 15, 2026**