



Mayors' Monarch Pledge

Convert Abandoned Lots to Monarch Habitat

Most municipalities have abandoned or vacant lands in their communities. These lands can be temporarily or permanently converted to monarch butterfly habitat. These habitats could be managed to produce milkweed seeds and plants for distribution at native plant sales or other events.

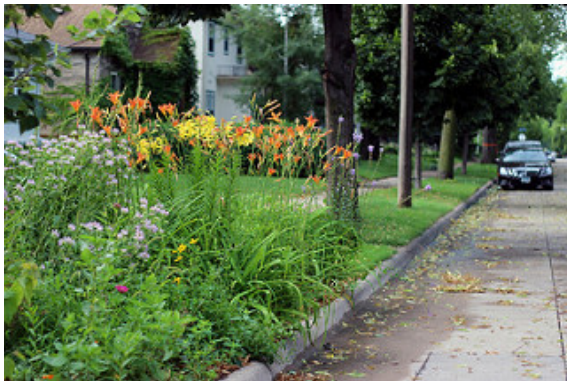
Cleveland, OH – Naturehood Cleveland is a multi-sector partnership dedicated to restoring and improving green space in Cleveland by creating a network of native plant naturescapes on the City's vacant and abandoned properties. Naturehood has converted more than 30,000 square feet of abandoned lots to pollinator and wildlife habitat.

<https://www.facebook.com/Naturehood-58475257963/info/?tab=overview>

Baltimore, MD – The Baltimore Housing Authority's Adopt-A-Lot program provides community members with the opportunity to create gardens on vacant lots throughout the city. The city is also providing a flat rate for water service which can be a barrier for gardening in vacant lots.

http://www.baltimorehousing.org/vtov_adopt

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