

Green Plains to Establish Monarch Fueling Stations at 2 Iowa Plants

OMAHA, Neb. Nov. 23, 2021 – Green Plains will establish monarch butterfly habitats on-site at its Shenandoah and Superior biofuel facilities, both in Iowa. The projects are part of a larger initiative, the Monarch Fueling Station Project, by Iowa Renewable Fuels Association and the Iowa Monarch Conservation Consortium, to create patches of native grasses and other pollinator-friendly plants for the monarchs as they migrate through the state. The initiative has established 19 fueling stations covering 48 acres since it kicked off in 2017.

“Iowa biofuel producers and supporters like Green Plains are really stepping up all across the state in an effort to help protect important pollinators like the monarch butterfly,” said Cassidy Walter, communications director, Iowa Renewable Fuels Association. “With the addition of Green Plains to the Monarch Fueling Station Project, we will surpass 50 acres of new dedicated monarch habitat in Iowa.”

“Establishing a monarch fueling station at Shenandoah aligns with Green Plains’ sustainability initiatives to promote and preserve wildlife habitat,” said Cory Scamman, general manager, Green Plains Shenandoah LLC. “We’re happy to contribute to this meaningful project and look forward to seeing the habitat flourish in the next few years.”

“I think it’s important to promote habitat for endangered pollinators like the monarch,” said Tod Smith, plant manager, Green Plains Superior LLC. “I’m looking forward to having a fueling station for them in the Superior area.”

The Green Plains Shenandoah station will cover 1.75 acres, with planting expected to begin in the spring of 2022. The station at Superior will be established on a nearby field, beginning with one or two acres, with the potential to expand.



Kevin Reynolds, habitat establishment coordinator for the Monarch Fueling Station Project (left), meets with Cory Scamman, general manager at Green Plains Shenandoah LLC, to plan the monarch fueling station.

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Kevin Reynolds, habitat establishment coordinator for the Monarch Fueling Station Project (left), meets with Brent Fechter, operations manager at Green Plains Superior LLC, to plan the monarch fueling station.

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