



Go Wild!

RESTORE & CONSERVE *local wildlife, habitat & ecosystems.*

1. **Plant these!** Milkweeds, coneflowers, asters, and goldenrods will bring butterflies & bees to your yard or school garden. Their populations are declining, but are needed for food production/healthy ecosystems.
2. **Read these!** Here are some great books to help us understand and appreciate pollinators (bees, butterflies) and native plants: *Bringing Nature Home* (Doug Tallamy); *Attracting Native Pollinators*, (Xerces Society)
3. **Sign Up!** . . . To take a tour of the Beye School certified Butterfly Garden or to get free "coaching" on installing a butterfly garden. Email beyegreen@gmail.com and you will be contacted with details.
4. **Get Involved!** Visit the *West Cook Wild Ones* table at Oak Park Earth Fest 2014 or see westcook.wildones.org to sign up and learn more about protecting and preserving local ecosystems.

Go Wild: BLOCK PARTY IDEAS

Get a Coach. Email beyegreen@gmail.com to get some advice for installing a few butterfly gardens on your block!

Planting Day. Gather together during your block party to plant milkweeds, coneflowers, asters, and goldenrods and in various backyards and lawns; this provides food, builds habitat, and brings butterflies, bees, and other pollinators around.

Reading Circle. Gather even the youngest environmentalists around a book or two about butterflies, bees, native plants, or ecosystem restoration. (See flip side for some book ideas.)

Discuss ideas shared in the book, and what your block can do.

Be Wild. Invite *West Cook Wild Ones* to attend your block party to share info – or contact them to help you plan a relevant project or activity to engage in during your block party.

> *Questions? Email beyegreen@gmail.com.*