**Community of Organisms**

**Community of Learners**

**Creating a Community**

### Community of Organisms

**community** *n* A group of organisms of different species that co-occur in the same habitat.

The Community Learning Garden replaces a monoculture of grass with many plant species that support countless organisms.

### Community of Learners

**community** *n* A group of people living, working and learning together.

This Community Learning Garden brings neighbors and the community together around conservation and nature.

### Butterflies:
Plants in the garden provide food for caterpillars, nectar for adults and shelter. Butterflies can land on rocks in the puddles to drink.

### Biodiversity:
Look for insects and other animals that wouldn’t be here without the garden.

### Water Reclamation:
Stormwater runoff is a leading source of pollution in lakes and rivers. The deep root systems of native plants use and retain more water than lawn grass.

### Understand:
The Community Learning Garden enhances people's understanding of the relationships between organisms and their environment.

### Discover:
Citizen scientists can collect data and contribute to scientific studies in the garden.

### Appreciate:
A garden holds aesthetic beauty not found in a grass lawn, giving neighbors a place to walk, sit or observe nature.

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The Monarch Garden Community