**Become A Part Of A Monarch Sanctuary**  
**There is no doubt that our landscapes are changing and that there is less and less habitat for monarchs.  This trend will surely continue…unless we step up and do something about it.**

**Go Green Park Ridge is collecting milkweed seed pods in hopes to put forth group efforts to increase the milkweed plant population in our town!  The reason milkweed is important is because it is the only food source for the Monarch Butterfly in the caterpillar stage.  We could use milkweed seed pod donations from our area in order to plant seedlings for spring distribution and planting.  If you are able to help with the following project, please do:**

**1) Milkweed seed pods generally look like pictures below (Common on L, Swamp in Mid, Butterflyweed on R)**

**2) In order for the seeds to fully develop, please wait to collect until the pods have just started to split open or are already fully open**

**3) If possible, please note what kind of milkweed seeds (common, swamp, or called rose/butterfly weed) you're collecting and place into a clean dry envelope**

**4) Drop off at 530 N Ashland Ave**

**5) Smile because you are helping to bring back the monarchs in our region**

**Also if you would like to volunteer to be part of the spring planting and transplanting of seedlings let us know.  Email** [**gogreenparkridge@gmail.com**](mailto:gogreenparkridge@gmail.com)

* We are collecting native seed pods only – no tropical species
* We are requesting donations from yards and alleys where there is limited space for reseeding, not public spaces
* Please refrain from picking pods with the milkweed beetle on them as much as possible

  

