You’ve heard about the Monarch Butterfly Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA). It’s a formal agreement between the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), plus property owners and land managers to engage in important conservation actions for the monarch butterfly.

This CCAA is building momentum. Here’s why it’s important right now.

Not pursuing a CCAA for the monarch butterfly could lead to regulatory uncertainty if the species becomes a federal-listed species.

Simple actions promoted under the CCAA like changing the timing of vegetation management practices can have a significant contribution to monarch butterfly conservation.

The development of the CCAA is led by the Rights-of-Way Working Group (rightofway.erc.uic.edu) facilitated by the University of Illinois at Chicago and fosters collaboration between diverse partners within the energy and transportation sectors.

The final review and approval of the CCAA documentation is anticipated by June 2019. Once the CCAA is finalized, landowners and managers can apply for coverage up until the effective listing date for the monarch butterfly, regardless of their prior involvement in the project.

It’s easy to become involved through financial and/or in-kind contributions to the joint fund, serving on the Advisory Team, or serving on a sector team to help shape key elements of the CCAA.

Want to learn more or get involved?
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