

Monroe Conservation Commission

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Conservationist of the Month Mike Wallace



Mike in front of his Monarch Way Station

The Monroe Conservation Commission is pleased to recognize resident Mike Wallace as Conservationist of the Month for August. Mike has had a Monarch Watch-certified butterfly way station for about 5 years. He planted flowers such as purple coneflower, bee balm, milkweed and butterfly bush to attract Monarchs to his yard. He then cares for the eggs they lay, allowing them to hatch into caterpillars and spin their cocoon all in the safety and comfort of his home. He then releases the butterflies to make the long journey to Mexico, hoping to entice them back to his yard next spring. Mike's yard is also certified as a backyard habitat through the National Wildlife Federation. Mike hopes he can inspire others to save a place for nature in their yards. "Not using pesticides and herbicides is a great start but anyone can have a certified habitat or Monarch station - both projects were fun and not too difficult" To learn more about NWF's backyard certification go to www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife. For information on Monarch Watch go to www.monarchwatch.org or attend Mike's workshop at

The Monroe Conservation Commission manages parks and open space properties for the town's enjoyment, including Webb Mountain Discovery Zone, Webb Mountain Park, Chalk Hill Nature Trail, Lane's Mines Park, and the Halfway River properties.

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Sticks and Stones Farm in Newtown on August 15th to learn all about Monarch butterflies
www.sticksandstonesfarm.com

Vincent
Mangiacopra

By Christine Clark

The Monroe Conservation Commission Seeks nominations

Residents can nominate themselves or other Monroe residents who are making a difference and having a positive impact for people, their resources and the environment (not necessarily only in Monroe). Nominations can be e-mailed to monroeconservation@monroect.org or mailed to the Monroe Conservation Commission 7 Fan Hill Rd. Monroe, CT 06468.

The Monroe Conservation Commission
meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm
in the Town Hall conference room.

Public participation is welcome.

Email us at [Monroe Conservation](mailto:monroeconservation@monroect.org) with questions, comments
or concerns about our properties and nominations for Conservationist of the Month.

