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Nature grant helps establish pollinator meadows in Zionsville

Today the Zionsville Parks Foundation, Zionsville Parks and Recreation Department and Duke Energy Foundation cut the ribbon to the new pollinator meadows at the [Zionsville Golf Course](#). The 1.8 acres of pollinator meadows were funded thanks to a \$14,970 Duke Energy Foundation nature grant.

The grant is part of Duke Energy's program to support a range of environmental initiatives that help communities protect their natural resources and mitigate the effects of climate change. Reduced mowing acreage at Zionsville Golf Course will not only result in fewer carbon emissions and recurring costs but also improve the habitat for native pollinators.

The Zionsville Parks Foundation added interpretive signage for golfers to learn more about the role pollinator meadows play in maintaining habits for native wildlife. Nancy Carpenter, president of the Zionsville Parks Foundation, said this project aligns with the foundation's mission to preserve, enhance and grow green spaces in Zionsville.

"The Zionsville community is extremely grateful to the Duke Energy Foundation for their generous support in this initiative," said Carpenter. "It not only adds beauty to our community but educates people about the importance of creating areas for pollinators and healthy habitats."

"The Duke Energy Foundation is proud to support this important addition to the Town of Zionsville's Parks Department," said Dagny Zupin, Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager. "At Duke Energy we are committed to supporting efforts that increase the presence of native vegetation and sustainable wildlife habitats in our communities."

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