

Pollinator Meadow at Darrow Road Park



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**The Parks Department, City of Hudson,
Hudson Park Board and Friends of Hudson
Parks together with the US Fish and Wildlife
Service – Partners for Fish and Wildlife
Program Ohio Private Lands Office are
working to create a Pollinator Meadow on
six acres at Darrow Road Park, Hudson, OH.**

In the last 50 years, 40% of all song birds in North America have been lost.



Native meadow birds like Meadowlarks and Bobolinks have declined 82% and 72% in total numbers, and are completely absent in areas where they were once abundant.



North American butterflies have declined over 33% in the past 20 years, while Monarch Butterfly populations have collapsed.



North America has lost 37% of all wild bees, and half of all bumble bee species!



96% of all land birds feed insects to their young. As insect populations rapidly decline, so do our bird populations!



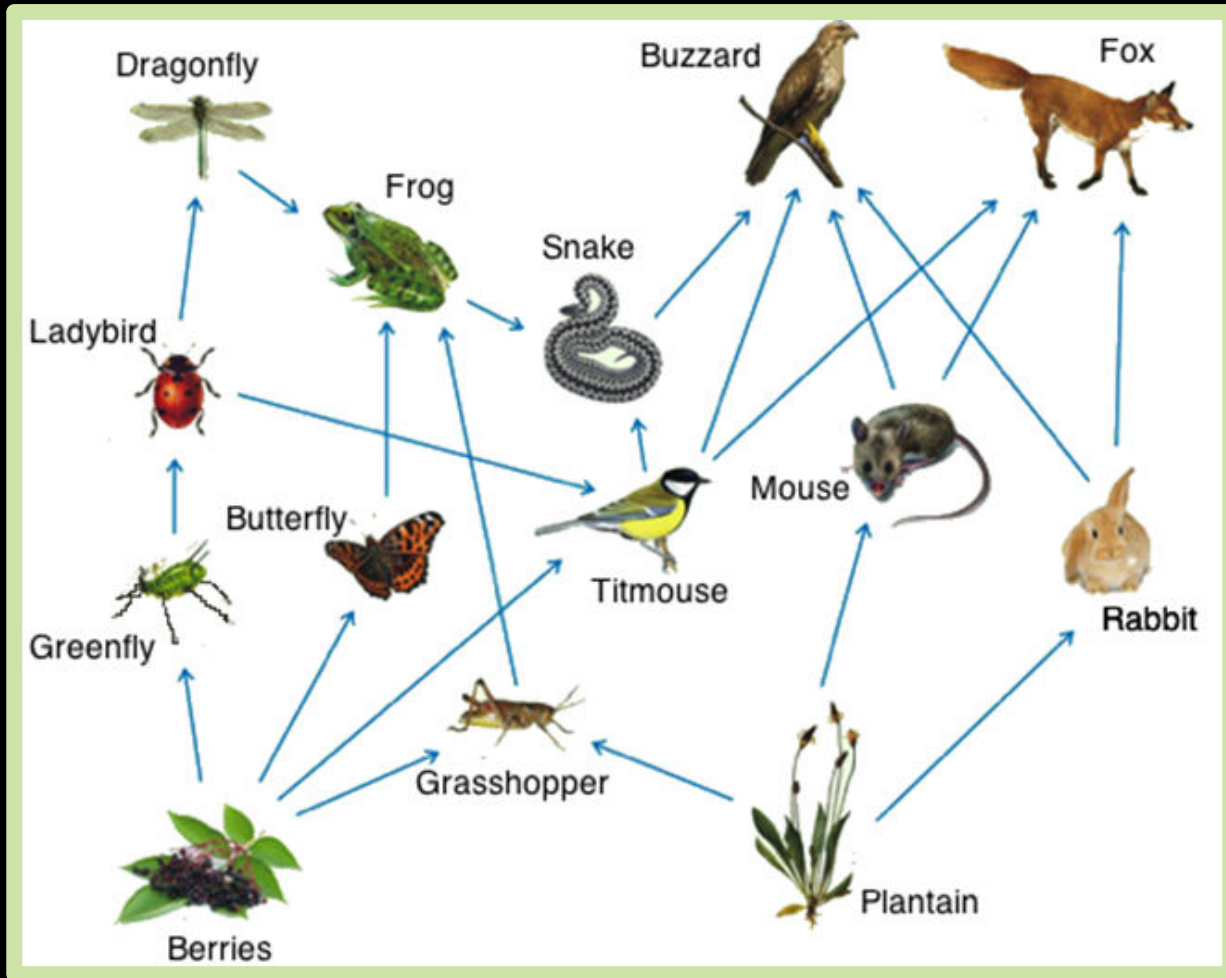
It can take up to 9000 insects for a pair of adult Chickadees to raise one brood of baby Chickadees!

Nestlings starve if parents cannot find enough insects to feed them.

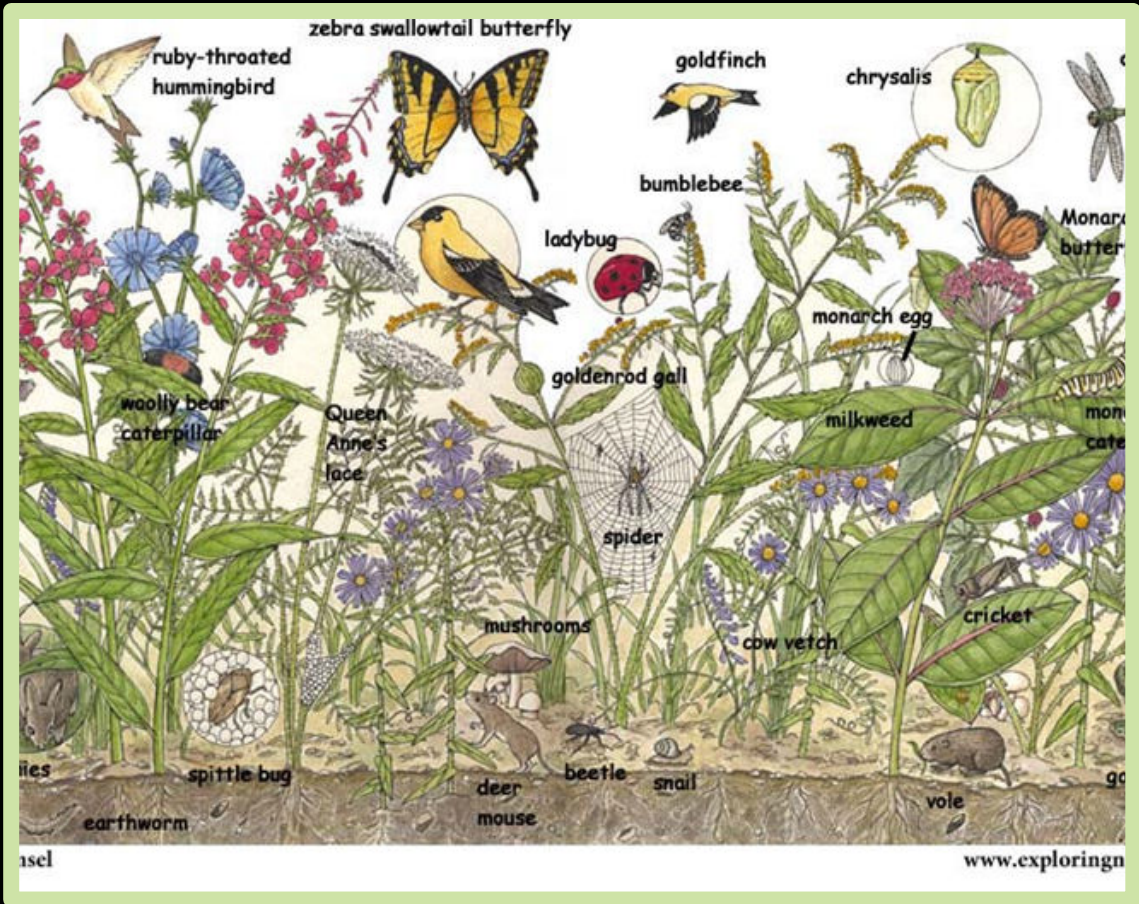
Since the 1970's: there has been a staggering 80% worldwide decline in the insect population.



Insects are the basis to the of ALL functioning ecosystems.



Native Habitat that supports our insects, pollinators, birds and other wildlife is disappearing.

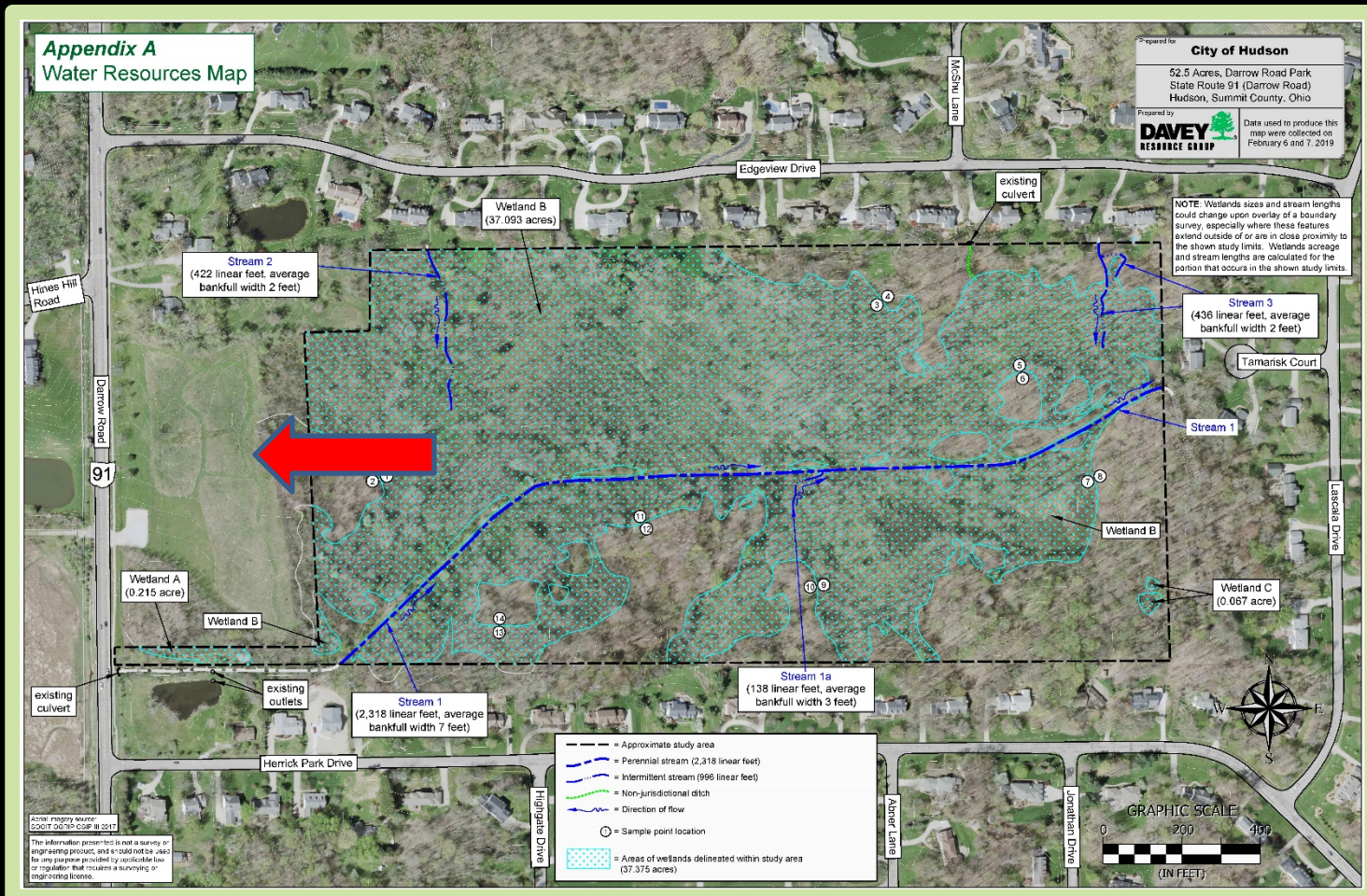


Invasive species like the blooming Callery Pear trees shown below have invaded our parks, creating sterile monocultures that choke out all of the native plants that supply food for our native insects, birds and other wildlife.



Callery Pear, Buckthorn, Asian Honeysuckle, Autumn Olive and other invasive species are crowding out native species of trees, bushes and flowers that grew in our open meadows and woods, creating unwalkable thickets of invasive plants that will no longer support native wildlife.

The Pollinator Meadow Restoration project at Darrow Road Park will be created on 6 acres of land currently populated by many invasive species.



**...Transforming the six acre Darrow Road Park field that is
overrun with alien invasive trees and grasses....
(pictures taken July, 2019)**



**...into a beautiful flowering native meadow
supporting Ohio's butterflies, birds, insects, and
other native wildlife . . . As found in:**



**Guy Denny's restored meadow
Picture taken July, 2019**

**Wooster Memorial Park Meadow Restoration
Picture taken July, 2019**

**Plans are to begin the three year
process to create the
“Pollinator Meadow at Darrow Rd Park”
this summer, 2020.**

Bee End

