



BUTTERFLY HABITAT

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Every year, over 25,000 monarch butterflies overwinter in Pacific Grove!

Pacific Grove is home to the Monarch Grove Sanctuary, located between Lighthouse Avenue and Short Street (See map on reverse). Arriving in October, the Monarch Butterflies cluster together on the pines and eucalyptus trees of the Sanctuary. Their migration to Pacific Grove is so unique and inspiring that Pacific Grove is nicknamed "Butterfly Town, U.S.A." The community has always welcomed the butterflies and sought for their protection. Citizens of Pacific Grove voted to create an additional tax to create the Monarch Grove Sanctuary, led by dedicated volunteers.

Title 12 (Trees and Vegetation) of the City's Municipal Code includes regulations on the protection of the Monarch Butterfly Habitats:

12.16.250 Monarch butterfly habitats – Protected.

(a) For the purposes of this chapter, the following sites are designated as monarch butterfly overwintering sites in Pacific Grove:

(1) Monarch Grove Sanctuary. That portion of land bordered on the east and west by Ridge Road and Grove Acre Avenue, respectively, on the south by Short Street, and on the north by the northerly boundary of assessor's parcel no. 006-361-30 extended from Grove Acre easterly to Ridge Road.

(2) Washington Park Site. That portion of land bordered on the east and west by Alder Street and Melrose Avenue, respectively, on the north by Pine Avenue, and on the south by the imaginary extension of Junipero Avenue westerly from Alder to Melrose.

(b) Pruning or removal of trees in designated monarch butterfly overwintering sites shall be prohibited except as prescribed in an approved habitat management plan or upon a finding by the city council that such is necessary for proper maintenance of the site or for public health, safety or welfare.

(c) Pruning or removal of trees in designated monarch butterfly overwintering sites, or within 100 yards of any boundary of such site, shall be prohibited during the months of October through April unless deemed necessary by the city council for public health, safety or welfare. [Ord. 07-015 § 30, 2007; Ord. 02-13 § 3, 2002. Formerly 12.16.240].

What does it mean if my property is part of or adjacent to the monarch butterfly habitat?

Refer to parts (b) and (c) of PGMC §12.16.250 above regarding limitations on tree removal and pruning that could affect your property.

How do I know if my property is part of or adjacent to the monarch butterfly habitat?

Refer to the reverse side for a map of the City of Pacific Grove Monarch Butterfly Habitat

