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## **Milkweed Pod Collection**

Hancock SWCD is a Collection Station

### **For Immediate Release**

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**Findlay** – The Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative (OPHI) is seeking public involvement to collect and drop off common milkweed seed pods from established plants, September 1 through October 31, 2018 at collection stations around Ohio. Hancock Soil & Water Conservation District will be a collection station in Hancock County. The seeds will be used to establish new plantings and create additional habitat for the Monarch butterfly throughout Ohio in coming years.

Seed pods from common milkweed should be collected when the pods are dry and gray or brown in color. If the center seam pops with gentle pressure, they can be picked. It is best to collect pods into paper bags or paper grocery sacks. Avoid using plastic bags because they can attract moisture and allow mold to develop. Store seeds in a cool, dry area until you can deliver to the closest pod collection area. It is recommended to wear disposable gloves when picking and handling pods. Harvesting seed pods from milkweed plants will not have any effect on the population of milkweed in established areas.

For more information on OPHI or the seed pod collection contact OPHI at (614) 416-8993 or Hancock SWCD, 7868 C.R. 140, Suite E, Findlay, Ohio at 419-422-6569.

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