

Town of Underhill

ARPA Funds Use Proposal – PHASE 1

Committee/Group/Individual Requesting Funding:

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Date: 01/27/23

Proposal Name/Brief Description: “Monarch Butterfly Habitat Preservation”

“Each fall, hundreds of millions of monarch butterflies migrate from the United States and Canada to mountains in central Mexico where they wait out the winter until conditions favor a return flight in the spring. The monarch migration is truly one of the world's greatest natural wonders yet it is threatened by habitat loss at overwintering grounds in Mexico and throughout breeding areas in the United States and Canada.”

<https://monarchwatch.org/waystations/>

In 2022, Monarchs were listed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, due to habitat destruction and climate change.

<https://www.iucn.org/press-release/202207/migratory-monarch-butterfly-now-endangered-iucn-red-list>

The Vermont State Butterfly is the monarch.

<https://val.vtecostudies.org/projects/vermont-butterfly-survey/monarch/#:~:text=First%20proposed%20by%20a%205th,butterfly%20on%20July%201%2C%201987.>

Underhill, Vermont provides important breeding and migratory habitat to Monarchs who perform the final leg of the multi-generational journey to their overwintering grounds in Mexico, approximately 3,000 miles from Vermont. However, local mowing and brush hogging schedules may be preventing monarchs from fully thriving within Underhill open spaces.

By designating land within and around the Town of Underhill as preserved monarch habitat, Underhill could provide a valuable safe haven for the migratory monarch for years to come. Preserving monarch habitat would primarily entail identifying areas that contain a good amount of sunlight, milkweed and native wildflowers, then altering local mowing / brush hogging schedules to accommodate monarch breeding/migratory schedules, which may shift subtly year to year, due to weather conditions and climate change. Further, the Underhill community would greatly benefit from educational kiosks at the designated monarch habitat areas. These kiosks would help raise awareness and provide education to locals who want to know more, understand how Vermont fits into the migratory patterns of the monarch and what local citizens can do to help.

Ideal locations for monarch preservation include: Casey’s Hill and Tomasi Meadow, certain areas within Mills Riverside Park and the New Road landfill site.

Estimated Cost/Description of Estimate Process (use the space here and attach additional pages and any supporting documents):

Casey's Hill/Tomasi Meadow and Mills Riverside Park would each benefit from an attractive Vermont-made wooden kiosk with bench such as the following:

<https://timberhomesllc.com/our-work/structures-for-parks/trailhead-kiosks/classic-trailhead-kiosk/>

The TimberHomes Classic Kiosk would provide plenty of space (42"W x 32"H) to include maps of the monarch migration patterns as well as educational information about the lifecycle and current status of the monarch butterfly. It would also provide enough space to point out other relevant information about the habitat, plants and creatures of importance and a registration box for visitors to document their monarch and animal observations, as well as whether they take any monarch eggs or caterpillars for rearing. A brochure holder could contain guidelines on monarch rearing and milkweed seed gathering / germination. A basic kiosk would cost **\$3,000 each with tax**. A double-sided Kiosk with plexiglass signboard covers, brochure holder, registration box and an attached bench would cost approximately **\$5,645 each*** including tax, but does not include site prep and installation.

Lead time: Ranges from 8 – 16 weeks depending on the season and demand.

**Consider requesting Jericho to contribute towards the Mills Riverside Kiosk investment.*

New Road Landfill Site would benefit from a nice Vermont-made wooden kiosk, such as the following:

<https://timberhomesllc.com/our-work/structures-for-parks/trailhead-kiosks/the-mini/>

The TimberHomes Mini Kiosk contains a 2'W x 3'H signboard. A basic mini kiosk would cost **\$2,000 + tax**. A double-sided kiosk with plexiglass signboard covers, brochure holder and registration box to document monarch and animal observations would cost approximately **\$3,260** including tax, but excluding site prep and installation.

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Total Kiosk Expense: Between \$8,348 + tax - \$14,898

Sitework and installation expenses are not included.

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Please Answer the following questions by marking the Does this proposal
answer in the space provided. **Benefit to Town of**

Underhill

YES NO Not Sure

Invest in the town without creating a need for additional or ongoing revenue or expenses? Is this a one-time expense?	x		
Benefit a population that was disproportionately impacted by the pandemic?		x	
Benefit a population underserved prior to the pandemic?		x	
Mitigate and/or help the Town adapt to the effects of climate change?	x		
Improve or create infrastructure for Underhill? Ex. Natural resources, pedestrian access, transportation but not limited to	x		
Align with or impact the goals and priorities of the Town Plan? LINK	x		

Comments:

Feasibility of Project

YES NO Not Sure

Can this proposal

Be fully planned, estimated and obligated to the Town by December 31, 2024?	x		
Be fully completed and paid for by the end of 2026?	x		
Be used to leverage or match other grants, funds or projects?			x

Please attach estimates, quotes, drawings, or supporting documents or elaborate in any way you would like. Please note that the ARPA Advisory Committee only recommends projects to the Selectboard and the Selectboard has the ultimate authority to allocate the funds. [17 V.S.A. § 2664](#)

Links and More Information:

Final Rule – Overview at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule-Overview.pdf>

Final Rule – FAQ's at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule-FAQ.pdf>

Specific Information for Town of Underhill at https://www.underhillvt.gov/vertical/sites/%7B4E962BB9-B4BB-4504-A3EE-ED54521A1BCE%7D/uploads/Coronavirus_Local_Fiscal_Recovery_Fund_Overview_Presentation_06092022.pdf

Phase 1 - ARPA/SLFRF Funding 10/26/22

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Monarch Habitat Preservation Proposal - Signage Kiosks by TimberHomes Vermont



Classic Kiosk - \$3,000, not including tax, delivery or installation

Additional Options:

- Plexiglass Cover - \$400 ea
- Bench - \$550 ea
- Brochure Box - \$275 ea
- Registration Box - \$300 ea

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Classic Kiosk - Options



Mini Kiosk



Mini Kiosk Details and Features:

- \$2,000 not including taxes, delivery or installation.
- Locking plexiglass cover
- Double sided plexiglass option, additional \$600
- Brochure Box - \$275
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Kiosk - Additional Items

Registration Box - \$400 ea



Brochure Box - \$275 ea





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Proposal for Two TimberHomes Classic Kiosks



Classic kiosk kit to be standard per website description with the following changes:

- Option-Signboard will be double sided
- Option-Addition of two lockable, full coverage Cherry/Plexi signboard covers
- Option-Addition of 1 Brochure Box
- Option-Addition of 1 Registration Box
- Option-Addition of Bench- one side

Kiosk kit will be partially assembled as follows:

- Roof assembly - White pine framing (collars, purlins, ridge) supports a channel drain roof (color: Forest Green), underlain by pine boards.
- 2 posts - 12', 5-1/2"x 5-1/2" Black Locust (note 4' will be buried in the ground)
- Signboard assembly:- display panel measuring 42"W x 32"H made of 3/4" Eastern White Cedar tongue and groove boards, attached with screws to 2 Pine Girts
- 6 hardwood pegs to connect crossbars to posts, and roof assembly to post tops
- Installation directions

Driver will need help to unload units. Installation not included.



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Item:		Price:
TimberHomes Classic Kiosk- \$2900 each		\$5,800
Option- Addition of 4 Signboard Covers-42” Wx32”H- \$400 each		\$1,600
Option- Cost to double side Kiosk-\$300 each		\$600
Option- Addition of 2 Registration Boxes- \$300 each		\$600
Option- Addition of 2 Brochure Boxes- \$275 each		\$550
Option- Addition of 1 Bench per kiosk- \$550 each		\$1,100
Delivery included in Mini Kiosk proposal		\$0
Subtotal with all options		\$10,250
Total with tax		\$10,865

Anticipated Delivery: **Summer 2023** Please expect 8-16 weeks for completion of product depending upon seasonal demand

If units are picked up, delivery fee will be deducted from total. Though without proof of tax exemption, VT State Sales Tax (6%) must be applied to transaction in the case of pick-up.

Balance due upon receipt. Client is responsible for all and any state taxes due. Quoted price good for 30 days. Interest shall accrue on the outstanding balance of principal at the rate of seven percent (7 %) from the date of receiving the product if not paid in full within 45 days.

Purchases made by credit card will incur an additional fee of 3.25% of total.

By signing, client acknowledges that they have read the “Nature of Wood” tab at www.timberhomesllc.com. By signing below, client is committing to paying the above total in full under the terms specified within this contract; that the above specifications are in order; and that TimberHomes is authorized to proceed with production.

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THIS LIMITED WARRANTY CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, AS WELL AS LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS THAT MIGHT APPLY TO YOU.

We have high standards for our designs, our craftsmanship, and for the quality of our wood. We expect a long service life from all of our products under normal conditions. TimberHomes stands behind its products and stands behind your purchase.

Warranty Coverage

Timber: We warrant our kiosks for one year against defects in workmanship and materials. The Warranty extends to all of the timber joinery that was pre-fit in our shop. Timbers come unfinished. Therefore, we do not warrant the wood against greying, checking (cracks), twisting, or shrinking. Wood may take any of these forms in time and these conditions do not represent structural degradation or a defect in workmanship or materials.

Timber Framed Structure: We warrant the timber-framed structure against rot for five years from date of manufacture. We do not warrant the timber-framed structure against insect or animal damage, or any other damage caused by forces from outside the wood itself.

Posts: We warrant our posts against rot for five years. Our five-year warranty on the posts is only valid if the posts are buried in accordance with our instructions and to our specifications. *Burial in concrete nullifies the warranty.*

Roof: We warrant the roof against leaks for five years.

Doors and Hardware: We warrant doors and hardware for defects in workmanship for two years.

Time: Our warranty begins to run on the date that we ship our products from our shop to you.

Warranty Conditions and How to Make a Claim under this Warranty

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Not Covered by this Warranty

We do not extend this Warranty to our products or components of our products that have been subject to: (a) modifications, alterations, tampering, or improper maintenance or unauthorized repairs; (b) handling, storage, installation, testing, or use that is not in accordance with our instructions and specifications.

WE DISCLAIM ALL EXPRESS, IMPLIED, AND STATUTORY WARRANTIES AND CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PRODUCT, INCLUDING THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, WE LIMIT THE DURATION OF ANY APPLICABLE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS TO THE DURATION OF THIS LIMITED WARRANTY.

IN NO EVENT WILL WE BE LIABLE FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, EXEMPLARY, OR SPECIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING ANY DAMAGES FOR LOST PROFITS, ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO THIS LIMITED WARRANTY OR THE PRODUCT. OUR TOTAL CUMULATIVE LIABILITY ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO THIS LIMITED WARRANTY OR OUR PRODUCTS AND COMPONENTS WILL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT ACTUALLY PAID BY THE ORIGINAL PURCHASER.

Long-Term Care

Long-term care: While this Limited Warranty does not cover the appearance of the wood and timber in our products, we have some final notes about long term care of our timber products. You can finish your timbers and cherry door frames with any variety of products to stain or preserve the color. We recommend something simple, like Heritage Finishes' Exterior Oil.

Final Notes

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Sunday, January 29, 2023



Proposal for One TimberHomes Mini Kiosk

- Mini signboard will be produced as per website description. They will be fully assembled and ready to install after re-installing roof metal.
- Signboard is an unstained tongue-in-groove eastern white cedar, covered by a top hinged, lockable Cherry/Plexi Signboard cover.

Driver will need help to unload. Installation not included.

TimberHomes Mini Kiosk- volume discount of \$100		\$1,900
Option- cost to double side Mini		\$600
Option- addition of brochure box- clear		\$275
Option- addition of registration box		\$300
Loading and Delivery- included in other Mini Quote		\$0
Subtotal with all options		\$3,075
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