

The right choice in renewable energy



Solar



Wind



Biomass



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## June is National Pollinator Month



Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives are doing their part to protect our state's natural treasures during national pollinator month (and every month).

They planted 100 acres of pollinator-friendly nectar plants and maintain eight Monarch butterfly waystations at cooperative-owned facilities, near [Cooperative Solar Farm One](#).

Co-ops have a long history of leadership in environmental stewardship, including partnering with the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet through the KY EXCEL program.

Kentucky Excellence In Environmental Leadership, or KY EXCEL, is a way for the Cabinet to recognize the work done by organizations to promote environmental stewardship. East Kentucky Power Cooperatives, one of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, has been a KY EXCEL Partner since 2009, which has required performing annual stewardship projects and providing documentation to the Cabinet.

In 2016, a 1.7-acre area was established to feature native wildflowers along with milkweed to provide food for Monarch butterflies. In 2018, another pollinator area was added.

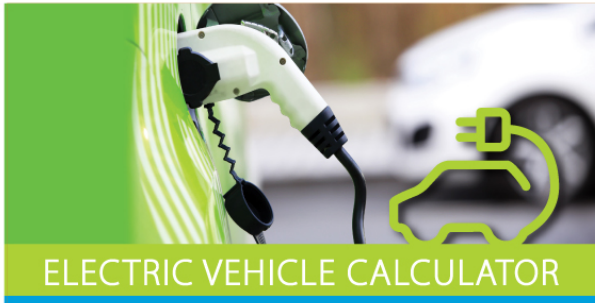
Plus, there are hives of honeybees near the pollinator patch. The hives feature nearly 25,000 honeybees, which visit the flowers in the patch frequently to gather pollen and nectar as food for the hive.

These KY EXCEL projects were a perfect opportunity to not only establish and provide a food source for declining honeybee populations, but also create much needed habitat for the Monarch butterfly, which is being considered for the endangered species list by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Other projects include the Peregrine falcon nesting program and nesting boxes for American Kestrels. Read more about the Kestrels in a past e-newsletter [here](#).

Thank you for being a member of your local Touchstone Energy Cooperative, and for participating in the envirowatts program.

## Check out our EV Calculator to find your next ride



ELECTRIC VEHICLE CALCULATOR

Is an EV right for you? With prices dropping and technology changing, Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives have seen a surge of interest in electric vehicles.

We offer an EV calculator that compares makes and models. It's free, easy to use and unbiased. Go to [Electric Vehicle Calculator](#) and check it out!



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Cooperative Solar

### Learn more about Cooperative Solar

Looking for another way to purchase renewable energy? Check out our [Cooperative Solar](#) program.

Co-op members can license solar panels at Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives' not-for-profit 60-acre solar farm. You can tap into renewable solar energy for your home or business without the headaches of installing and maintaining solar panels themselves.

Learn more and submit an application at [www.cooperativesolar.com](http://www.cooperativesolar.com).

## Want to do more?



### The right choice for you

We know many Kentuckians are looking for ways to support renewable energy efforts. Again, we thank you for your support. Feel free to share this e-newsletter and talk about your participation with friends and family.

You can also learn about ways to improve your home's energy efficiency by visiting [www.togetherwesaveky.com](http://www.togetherwesaveky.com).

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