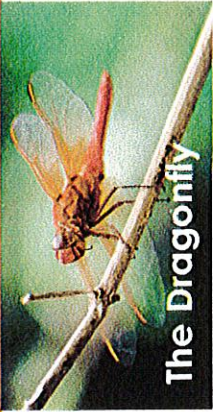



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- The largest bee in Minnesota is the black-and-gold bumble bee.
- The rusty patched bumble bee has been listed as federally endangered since 2017.
- In the winter when temperatures drop below 50 °F (10 °C), honeybees retreat to their hives and form a winter cluster to keep warm.

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- There are about 146 species of butterflies in Minnesota and approximately 20,000 butterfly species worldwide.
- Monarch butterfly live throughout Minnesota during the summer. Its large size, range, and color make it one of Minnesota's most well-known insects.
- Butterflies are valuable pollinators -- responsible for one in every three bites of food we consume and contribute over \$200 billion to the food economy worldwide.

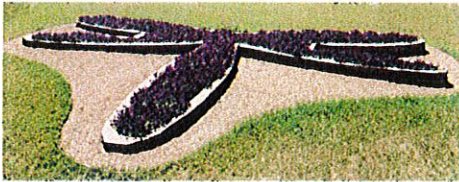
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### The Gardens



The Butterfly, completed in 2015



The Dragonfly, completed in 2017



The Bee, completed in 2019

These gardens were designed by Judy Code, enhanced by Computer Aided Design and built by Bill Quinnell and his landscape crew.

These gardens are found no where else on earth, but two of them are on Google Earth.

Funding was provided by: Northfield in Bloom, Northfield Shares, the Northfield Garden Club and the City of Northfield. Our community depends on these three pollinators for our food and they have been endangered.

These gardens are maintained each year by the Northfield Garden Club.



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# **The Butterfly Bench**

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