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## LIBERTY UTILITIES - EMPIRE DISTRICT TO CELEBRATE MISSOURI POLLINATOR WEEK

JOPLIN, MO – June 15, 2018 – In celebration of Missouri Pollinator Week, Liberty Utilities – Empire District will be adding a pollinator garden to their Arboretum at Landreth Park on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. This addition will serve as part of the Wires over Wildlife (WOW) program, a partnership between Liberty Utilities and the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Through the WOW program, property owners can work with Liberty Utilities and the Missouri Department of Conservation to design and maintain their property under electric transmission lines by increasing native habitat, maintaining clear utility access, and improving the reliability of service.

This pollinator garden will represent Liberty Utilities' commitment to environmental stewardship by improving pollinator habitat on the utility Right-of-Way. The garden will consist of plants that attract butterflies and support butterfly conservation. The benefits will include improved habitat for pollinators, opportunities for the public to observe butterflies up close, the garden will serve as an example of how property owners can utilize their piece of Right-of-Way.

Liberty Utilities – Empire District, Joplin, Missouri, is a subsidiary of U.S. based Liberty Utilities Co., and headquarters for the Company's Central Region, providing electric, natural gas, water, and wastewater service to nearly 320,000 customers across six states. A subsidiary of the company provides fiber optic services. For more information regarding services in the Empire area, visit <a href="www.empiredistrict.com">www.empiredistrict.com</a>. For more information about Liberty Utilities, visit <a href="www.empiredistrict.com">www.libertyutilities.com</a>.

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