



# Celebrate Gold

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## Biodiversity and Butterfly Gardens: A New Take on Urbanization

Elizabeth Rozzi has been a girl member for 14 years in Troop 4912 in Service Unit 716. Elizabeth currently attends Purdue University and just completed her freshman year, pursuing a degree in bioengineering.

Elizabeth's project aimed to address the decline in butterfly populations that ultimately impacts biodiversity. To create awareness and provide a food and shelter resource to migrating pollinators, she renovated one of the parking lot islands at Veritas Christian School to be a butterfly garden, as well as created an online guide.

As part of her advocacy efforts, she shared information on the garden and the importance of pollinators with her community, as well as presenting it as her senior thesis and on her school's podcast. By increasing awareness about the importance of pollinators like butterflies, Elizabeth aims to protect this part of the ecosystem and inspire others to do the same.

**“Because of Girl Scouts, I learned what it means to have grit. Every troop camping trip it either rained or snowed. Only one time did we leave early and that was because of the threat of tornadoes. As a troop we learned to have fun no matter the weather and were always up for another camping trip. Because of Girl Scouts, I have experience in managing projects that give back to my community. I have earned my Bronze Award, Silver Award and Gold Award. I also became CPR and First Aid certified which helped me find a job as a summer nanny.”**