Village of Schiller Park

Schiller Park, IL

Mayor / Village President Nick Caiafa

Pledge Summary

Maintain existing pollinator gardens (3) and add a 4th at Metra Station detention pond area. We currently have pollinator gardens at Clock Tower Park, Dooley Park, and Community Garden.

Action Items Committed for 2023

Communications and Convening

- Engage with city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Chad Meyers	2026	2/18/2026	
Mayor Chad Meyers	2025	3/13/2025	Signatories
Mayor Nick Caiafa	2024	3/26/2024	Signatories
Mayor / Village President Nick Caiafa	2023	4/3/2023	Signatories
Mayor Nick Caiafa	2022	3/14/2022	
Mayor Nick Caiafa	2021	3/19/2021	

Action Items

In total, how many individuals have been reached through the Mayors' Monarch Pledge in your community this year (Jan-Dec)? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field below (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only.).

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Of the total number of individuals engaged, how many youth (0-18) were reached through the Mayors' Monarch Pledge in your community this year (Jan. - Dec.)? If none, please write 0." (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only.)

50 youth through planting, and school trips to the parks, 50 adults through assistance in planting, and using the parks for recreation.

In total, how many acres of monarch habitat have been created in your city in the last 12 months? Please limit your answer to only the number of acres in the answer field below (e.g., 3). Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

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Where was the habitat created this year? Example locations may include residences, schools, places of worship, rights-of-way, roadsides, community gardens, shared public spaces, and more.

Most of this program is based around adding native plants to existing parks, but some homeowners have added plants to their homes.

How are you leveraging the Mayors' Monarch Pledge program to engage marginalized communities, such as low-income communities or communities of color?

We are planting in neighborhoods with POC populations.

What was your community's motivation for taking and continuing to work on the Mayors' Monarch Pledge?

To act in an environmentally friendly way and mobilize the community behind a cause.

What resources have been most helpful to you thus far and what new resources would you like to see to help meet your goals? What resources would be useful to help expand equitable engagement in community processes and access to high-quality, usable nature?

Help picking and buying the plants themselves and utilizing volunteers to plant them is great for the community.

What else should we know about your monarch butterfly conservation efforts over the last year?

We are working to expand this to more parks next year and reach out to homeowners.

Selected Action Items

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Engage with city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.

Upload any relevant documents, images, or other attachments related to your effort on this action.

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How many community organizations and groups participated? Please list them below.

The boy scouts, and Village of Schiller Park Staff and Departments such as Recreation.

Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and revisions/maintenance implemented for mowing or planting programs.

Native plants such as milkweed were planted and then maintained by the village's recreation department and the scouts.

Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.

What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to complete this effort?

The scouts, and The village of Schiller Park Recreation Department.

How many plants were planted? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

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Please describe your effort in completing this action.

Throughout the 3 locations, roughly 100 native plants were installed. Making sure the plants planted were native to Illinois and in particular supported Monarch butterfly such as Milkweed species.

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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How many garden signs are being displayed and where are they located? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

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Please describe the educational information on the sign(s), and provide any links to externally purchased sign(s).

There is one main garden sign located at Clock Tower Park on Irving Park road. Information on the sign includes details about the services pollinator gardens provide, the Monarch migration, and the specific species of plants planted.

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