Village of Schiller Park

Schiller Park, IL

Mayor Chad Meyers

Pledge Summary

The Village of Schiller Park is a historical town with extensive history and development. Over the years there has been an acknowledgement that we are in need of more natural areas in-village and an environmental policy implementation. To this end, we have been participating in MMP for a number of years in order to achieve that goal.

Action Items Committed for 2025

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.
- Engage with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning processes to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.

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

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number of individuals reached in the answer field below (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only.).

100

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.)

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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.

We have two locations. One is at Clock Tower Park – 9501 Irving Park Road Schiller, Park Il 60176 . And the other one is a community Garden on 4130 Denley Avenue Schiller Park, IL 60176.

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

We placed our community Garden at Clocktower Park in the Center of town by all of our businesses. This ensures that all residents, including our marginalized and low-income communities will see and enjoy the scenery. We also make sure to directly target our low-income and marginalized communities in our advertising for community events like Arbor Day and Make a Difference Day in which we utilize the Mayor's Monarch Pledge's Program.

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

Our community would like to create more green spaces in our communities. We want to make sure they not only beautiful, but helpful to the environment around them. Within these efforts, we also want to inform our community members on how they can do their part to make Schiller Park beautiful and eco-friendly.

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?

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Contacts and project ideas have been the most helpful. They gave our community a great place to start!

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

We loved our projects with you and look forward to more in the future!

Selected Action Items

Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.

How many plants were sold and/or given away at your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

We handed out 500 wildflower seed packets

How many people attended your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

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What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to host the event?

We participated with 10 other organizations. Scouts of Chicago, Make a Difference Day (MADD), The Schiller Park Public Library, Village of Schiller Park Parks and Recreation Department, Village of Schiller Park Administrative Staff, The Village of Schiller Park Board of Trustees, Manheim School, Schiller Park Fire Department, Schiller Park Police Department, and the Schiller Park Public Works Department.

Engage with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning processes to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.

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Arbor Day.JPG

Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and associated opportunities to create monarch habitat.

For make A Difference Day, we partnered with Make A Difference Day and Mannheim School to have about 40 kids help us plant at both Clock Tower Park and Denley Avenue. These kids helped put together the planter boxes, till the area, and plant the plants. They also participated in presentations regarding pollinator plants and healthy habits for the environment. The Various Village of Schiller Park Departments showed up with equipment

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and helped the kids plant. We also had 50 kids join us on Arbor Day from our Kidz Klub (through Schiller Park's Parks and Recreation Department) to plant a tree, learn more about tree conservation, and engage in fun learning activities. These kids and their parents also got to take home wild flower seed packets!

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.

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

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

We utilized volunteers and community members from Make a Difference Day, Manheim School, The Public Library and various Schiller Park departments to plant native and pollinator plants at both Clock Tower Park and Denley Avenue. This included tilling the land and helping make the custom planter boxes at Denley Avenue. The Village of Schiller Park Fire Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and the Public Works Department then watered the plants weekly.

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Where is the demonstration garden located and how does this location relate to the cultural significance of the monarch (if relevant)? (Please provide an address or coordinates, if possible)

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One of our pollinator Gardens is at Clock Tower Park (9501 Irving Park Rd, Schiller Park, IL 60176). This is at the center of our town and is right off of the very busy Irving Park Road. The Village holds many concerts and events here around the year.

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

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What is the size of the demonstration garden (in acres)? Please limit your answer to only the number of acres in the answer field below (e.g., 0.5 acres). For reference, 1 acre = 43,560 square feet and is about the size of a football field without the end zones. Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

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