Village of Winnetka

Winnetka, IL

Village President Chris Rintz

Pledge Summary

Action Items Committed for 2024

Communications and Convening

- Issue a proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat. This proclamation must incorporate a focus on monarch conservation.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.

Systems Change

- Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city's Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
President Robert Dearborn	2026	3/10/2026	
President Robert Dearborn	2025	1/10/2025	Signatories
Village President Chris Rintz	2024	4/28/2024	Signatories
Village President Chris Rintz	2023	4/25/2023	Signatories
Village Manager Robert Bahan	2021	3/24/2021	Signatories

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.)

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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.

All of the above - residences (yards, containers, balconies, etc.), schools, places of worship, rights-of-way, roadsides, community gardens, shared public spaces and common areas, and parks

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

We connect with neighboring and Chicago area communities through shared pollinator habitat, creating a Monarch Highway, community gardens, and more.

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

To protect and rewild our native habitat while educating friends and neighbors about how and why it's so important. Leave the leaves for pollinator habitat and more!

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?

I don't have specific suggestions here. Your people are great, hard copy resources are useful, and updates help keep us informed.

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

We wish it could have been more! We are a small village with staff and volunteers pulled in many different directions, but we are excited that we have a new Sustainability Coordinator who will help us with these and other efforts next year.

Selected Action Items

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Issue a proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat. This proclamation must incorporate a focus on monarch conservation.

Date of Proclamation:

April 22, 2021

Title of Proclamation (i.e. – Monarch Day or Pollinator Week):

Monarch Remembrance Day

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

MMP_Proclamation_2021.pdf

Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.

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)

1390 Willow Road, Winnetka

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

Eagle Scout project

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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Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city's Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.

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

Village Sustainability Coordinator, Environmental and Forestry Commission, Friends of the Green Bay Trail

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What is the status of this action? Please limit your answer to either "complete" or "in progress" in the answer field below.

In progress

If this action is In Progress, please describe your progress and a target date when you plan to complete action.

We are working on a comprehensive Sustainability Plan expected to be completed in 2025.

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