Village of Mount Prospect

Mount Prospect, IL

Forestry/Grounds Superintendent Dave Hull

Pledge Summary

The Village of Mount Prospect is located in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. Our town has a number of green spaces and is home to many substantial parks. The Village takes great pride in its green infrastructure and strives to utilize it to improve the quality of life for our residents. The Village is committed to improving and maintaining our existing habitat and working with community partners to do our part to further promote habitats for butterflies and pollinators.

Action Items Committed for 2021

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.
- Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants along roadsides, medians, or public rights-of-way.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Paul Wm. Hoefert	2025	4/22/2025	Signatories
Mayor Paul Wm. Hoefert	2023	3/22/2023	
Mayor Paul Wm. Hoefert	2022	3/11/2022	
Forestry/Grounds Superintendent Dave Hull	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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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.)

10 youth 90 adults

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.

public buildings and grounds. rights-of-ways, parks, public spaces

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

Through our commitment to the Mayor's Monarch Pledge we have been able to add plants and perennials to lower income areas of our town.

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

Understanding the need to support an environment for the Monarch Butterfly to help/aid in increasing its numbers.

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?

Community outreach and local community groups, such as our Garden Club, have been instrumental in helping us reach our goals.

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

We take butterfly conservation very seriously in our Village and have great support from the Mayor and other constituents to make our efforts fruitful.

Selected Action Items

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Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants along roadsides, medians, or public rights-of-way.

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

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Where are the medians, roadsides and public rights-of-way? (Please provide an address or coordinates, if possible, or describe the location)

Many perennial beds and annual display beds through out our town incorporate butterfly plants such as Milkweed, Butterfly Weed, Echinacea, Beebalm,

How many milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants were planted? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

250

What is the total acreage of median and public right-of-way that has been planted with milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants? Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

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Please describe the maintenance schedule for these planted areas.

Each location is inspected weekly throughout the growing season to remove invasive weeds, receive leaf mulch in the spring, deadheading of flowers as needed. No chemicals of any kind are applied. Supplemental watering occurs during times of drought and heat.

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

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008-Butterfly garden in bloom.JPG

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

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coordinates, if possible)

4 S. Pine Street - located in the center of Moehling Park. This is a specific Butterfly Garden that has been memorialized for its efforts throughout the years. It supplies habitat, food source, respite, etc. for butterflies or many species.

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

The Garden Club of Mount Prospect

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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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:

May 20, 2020

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

"Monarch Butterfly Day" side note - unfortunately, due to COVID, we were not able to issue a proclamation for 2021 due to social distancing requirements and not wanting people to gather.

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Monarch Butterfly Day 2020.pdf

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