Village of Mount Prospect

Mount Prospect, IL

Mayor Paul Wm. Hoefert

Pledge Summary

The Village of Mount Prospect, located in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, IL, is home to 56,000 residents. It manages over 25,000 parkway trees and approximately 55 acres of greenspace, including several public native and butterfly gardens. By signing the Mayor's Monarch Pledge, the Village reaffirms its commitment to fostering native plants and pollinator-friendly gardens throughout the community. Mount Prospect also aims to inspire and encourage residents to join in this effort.

Action Items Committed for 2025

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

- 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 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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800

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.)

100

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.

Rights of ways

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

We are installing new beds at multiple locations throughout the towns making the displays more visible for all portion of the community.

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

To promote the planting of butterfly and pollinator friendly plants throughout the Village.

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 believe the list of activities that is provided is a great reference and provides numerous project ideas that we can plan for in the future.

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

We reinstalled a Monarch way station that was excavated due to infrastructure repairs. The bed was fully planted and put back to its original condition.

Selected Action Items

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

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

Monarch Reporting - Native Plant Giveaway.docx

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

300

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

800

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

Garden Club of Mount Prospect

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:

5/17/25

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

Monarch Butterfly Day

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Monarch Butterfly Proclamation 2025.docx

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

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

Monarch Reporting - Moehling Park Butterfly Garden.docx

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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)

Moehling Park, located in the center of town

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

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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