Village of Northbrook

Northbrook, IL

Village President Kathryn Ciesla

Pledge Summary

The Village of Northbrook is a northern suburb of Chicago with a population of over 35,000. We are proud to be the home of some of the highest quality nature preserves in Illinois: Somme Preserves. Thanks to our volunteer ecological stewards who have been dedicated to natural restoration in our area since the 1970s, many rare plants and endangered animals nest or pass by our community during migratory periods. Through the Northbrook Climate Action Plan, the Village is committed to reducing community-wide carbon emissions and fostering environmental sustainability.

Action Items Committed for 2023

Communications and Convening

- Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods. (If you have community members who speak a language other than English, we encourage you to also communicate in that language; Champion Pledges must communicate in that language.)
- Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- 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 gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters , other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.
- Engage with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning processes to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.
- Create a community-driven educational conservation strategy, initiative, or practice that focuses on and benefits local, underserved residents.
- Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.
- 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.
- Engage with Homeowners Associations (HOAs), Community Associations or neighborhood organizations to identify opportunities to plant monarch gardens and revise maintenance and mowing programs.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

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- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.
- 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.
- Launch or maintain an outdoor education program(s) (e.g., at schools, after-school programs, community centers and groups) that builds awareness and creates habitat by engaging students, educators, and the community in planting native milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Schoolyard Habitats program and Monarch Mission curriculum).
- Initiate or support community science (or citizen science) efforts that help monitor monarch migration and health.
- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.
- Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.
- Earn or maintain recognition for being a wildlife-friendly city by participating in other wildlife and habitat conservation efforts (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat program).
- Convert vacant lots to monarch habitat.

Systems Change

- Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.
- Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.
- Launch, expand, or continue an effort to change municipal planting ordinances and practices to include more native milkweed and native nectar producing plants at city properties.
- Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city's Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.
- Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals that are harmful to monarchs and pollinators and urban wildlife.
- Launch, expand, or continue one or more ordinances to reduce light pollution to benefit urban wildlife.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Village President Kathryn Ciesla	2026	4/6/2026	Leadership Circle
Mayor Kathryn Ciesla	2025	1/13/2025	Leadership Circle
Village President Kathryn Ciesla	2024	3/28/2024	Leadership Circle
Village President Kathryn Ciesla	2023	2/1/2023	Monarch Champions
Village President Kathryn Ciesla	2022	1/19/2022	Leadership Circle
Village President Kathryn Ciesla	2021	12/4/2020	Leadership Circle

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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.).

2500

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.)

500 youth / 2000 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.

Residential gardens, community gardens, and in public spaces such as the train station, rights-of-ways undergoing public improvement projects including our downtown and subdivision redevelopments.

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

Tips from the webinar "Eco-Schools USA on a Budget" were shared with educators who run our school district's special education program environmental club. They were them able to work with the Village to implement low-cost strategies for Earth Day and follow-up programs.

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

NWF is a recognized and trusted organization and we appreciate the streamlined nature of the MMP in providing tools and recognition for communities to deploy a range of pollinator conservation strategies.

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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A resource sharing platform for template ordinances and resolutions could be helpful; more examples of integrating equity and conservation at the municipal level would be appreciated as well.

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

Between 2021 and now, Northbrook has ramped up implementation of our pollinator conservation initiatives.

Selected Action Items

Launch or maintain an outdoor education program(s) (e.g., at schools, after-school programs, community centers and groups) that builds awareness and creates habitat by engaging students, educators, and the community in planting native milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Schoolyard Habitats program and Monarch Mission curriculum).

What program was launched or maintained to complete this effort? If you are involved with another National Wildlife Federation program, please mention that below. (Please include a link to the program, if possible)

How many schools, community groups, leaders, or centers were engaged in this effort? How many of these collaborations and partnerships are "new"? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

Please list the names of the schools you are working with.

What resources, if any, are you providing to educators?

How many students and educators would you estimate are being reached? Please limit your answer to only number of adults and youths engaged in the answer field (e.g., 200 students and 20 educators).

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

How many acres of monarch and pollinator habitat have been planted through this effort? 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.

What is the maintenance schedule to ensure planted habitat is maintained?

Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

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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:

6/13/2023

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

A Proclamation Recognizing June 19-25 as Pollinator Week

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

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Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods. (If you have community members who speak a language other than English, we encourage you to also communicate in that language; Champion Pledges must communicate in that language.)

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Please describe the methods of public communication below (e.g., printed materials, social media, print media).

Northbrook continued its public awareness campaign regarding pollinator conservation through multiple platforms in 2023. We focus on actionable items our residents can take to combat the driving factors of pollinator decline (habitat loss, pesticide exposure, and lack of nutritional resources). Our social media pages, weekly e-news, and print newsletters sent to every resident every other month are the main methods of communications. Village staff also integrate these efforts with giveaways at local events and educational programming with community groups such as school environmental clubs, scouts troops, etc. This year, a story map that showcases every registered pollinator habitat in the Village is being launched. Those who opted to participate in the virtual tour provided photos to demonstrate how native gardens are being incorporated in Northbrook.

Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.

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

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Please describe the groups you engaged with and how you engaged with these groups below.

The Village provides promotional materials for the Garden Club to display at their events that illustrate the importance of milkweed. Milkweed is planted outside the community garden as well.

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.

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

Public Works, Park District

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

Village sustainability staff facilitate monthly meetings with our public works department and quarterly meetings with the park district to ensure efforts to reduce mowing and increase native habitat are streamlined. As a result of these engagements, over 80 acres delayed mowing this spring, and more public ROW was added to a reduced mowing schedule. Our Public Works department is also launching a native planting cul-de-sac conversion cost share program.

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Engage with gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters , other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.

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

Somme Woods Community (restoration group), Illinois Native Plant Society Northeast Chapter, Forest Preserves District of Cook County volunteers, the Organic Gardener, Northbrook Garden Club, Go Green Northbrook, and local group called Monarchs, Milkweed & More.

Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and their monarch butterfly conservation efforts.

The Village promotes community participation in local restoration efforts through the Somme group year-round. The Village worked with our local native plant chapter to develop regional eco-type recommendations for plant species for the upcoming native cul-de-sac conversion program. The Village collaborated with the Organic Gardener for our sustainable vegetable garden and ongoing hands-on educational workshops to promote earth-friendly food growing. The local groups like our Garden Club and Monarchs, Milkweed, and More collaborated to help find residents to participate in our virtual story map of pollinator habitat.

Engage with Homeowners Associations (HOAs), Community Associations or neighborhood organizations to identify opportunities to plant monarch gardens and revise maintenance and mowing programs.

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

Ancient Tree Subdivision HOA, Monarchs Milkweed & More

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

A resident of an HOA reached out to the Village Sustainability Coordinator when the discussion of their upcoming landscape contract was on the horizon for an upcoming

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meeting. She relayed that in the past the landscapers seem to spray pesticides in excess and mow very frequently. The Village coordinated with local group Monarchs, Milkweed, and More to get someone to come speak and educate regarding the risks of spraying to health and the environment, plus potential alternatives.

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

The Village now provides sustainability reviews to all new developments coming to Northbrook in need of zoning relief. Any applicable project with a landscaping component is provided with materials on how to best create pollinator habitat. This suggests at least 70% native plants incorporated into landscaping (grass, groundcover, forbs, shrubs, and trees). Applicants must provide their species lists in Landscape Plans and are required to make revisions if any known problematic species are included. These recommendations become requirements when included as conditions to approval of their application for zoning relief (see page 4 of attached document). The Village is also currently updating our zoning code, and requirements for native plantings are being considered.

Create a community-driven educational conservation strategy, initiative, or practice that focuses on and benefits local, underserved residents.

Please describe the process to create the strategy , the strategy goals and content, and/or results of implementation. Please also identify who was engaged in this process, what partnerships were established, and how you engaged these groups. Provide a link, if possible.

The Village worked with a consultant to develop a priority areas map for Northbrook. Priorities were established by weighing factors such as socioeconomic status, impervious surface coverage, tree canopy coverage, and population density. The resulting priorities indicate areas most in need of added tree canopy coverage due to the urban heat island effect. These areas were targeted during tree giveaways as being given “first dibs” on the variety of native trees and shrubs provided.

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Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

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Please describe the community art project that was implemented in your community and how it contributed to cultural awareness and recognition (e.g., number of art installations, type of art).

The Village holds a popular annual Plein Air photography contest. In "plein air" style, participants will be asked to photograph around Northbrook with fresh eyes and a new perspective. Winners receive gift cards to Northbrook restaurants. Three photo categories are released each week and contestants have one week to submit their work. This year, a nature category required participants to visit our local nature preserve and document the beauty of nature. This incentivized people to recognize the aesthetic value of native ecology while participating, and the category winners and runners-up were highlighted in social media posts for the rest of the community to see.

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

Northbrook Arts Commission

How many individuals were engaged in this effort? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only, e.g. 50).

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

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

The Village hosted several native seed and plant giveaways: two events for Earth Day, two Farmers Markets, two tree giveaways, and native seed packets giveaway programs for residents participating in our campaign for No Mow May, and those who took a pledge to be energy efficient. Among all these events we gave out 520 native trees/shrubs, 295 native plant plugs, and over 300 milkweed seed packets to community members throughout the year.

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

2000

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

Local church groups, Northbrook Garden Club, GoGreen, Northbrook Farmers Market, Community Relations Commission

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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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)

The Village has 1) a demonstration rain garden at Village Hall (1225 Cedar Lane), 2) a pollinator habitat vegetable garden at Village Hall (1201-1225 Cedar Lane) and 3) a native

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plant garden at the train station (1401 Shermer Rd).

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

The Organic Gardener

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

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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)

The Village is launching a reimbursement program in which interested residents can receive 50% or up to $5,000 off installation of native plants for a cul-de-sac conversion program. A demonstration has been installed in a residential area on Adirondack Dr.

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

20

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.

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The reimbursement program will require a three-year maintenance contract or formal agreement between adjacent property owners for routine upkeep.

Earn or maintain recognition for being a wildlife-friendly city by participating in other wildlife and habitat conservation efforts (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat program).

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

The Arbor Day Foundation, Suburban Tree Consortium

What program was launched or maintained to complete this effort? (Please include a link to the program, if possible)

https://www.northbrook.il.us/824/Forestry-Services With more than 15,000 trees growing in the parkway, the Village of Northbrook has been recognized as a Tree City U.S.A. community since 1994. The Village received the Tree City Growth Award from the Arbor Day Foundation 11 times since 1998 for replanting parkway trees.

Initiate or support community science (or citizen science) efforts that help monitor monarch migration and health.

How many estimated individuals participated in your community science effort? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only, e.g. 150).

5

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

Field Museum, Monarch Watch

Please describe the community science program that you supported or initiated. Provide a link to any relevant programs, if possible.

The Village participates in a local monarch watch program through the Field Museum at our Village Hall rain garden.

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

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

Northbrook Community Gardens

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

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Please describe your effort in completing this action.

Several community gardens in Northbrook have milkweed planted in plots and on the perimeters of their spaces.

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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

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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).

The Village provides a “pollinator habitat” sign to community members whose greenspace meet the following criteria: 1) Contain native plants - at least three different wildflower species. 2) Leave fallen tree leaves and dried-up vegetation for nesting insects. 3) Exclude exposure to inorganic pesticides such as weed-killers or mosquito barrier treatments.

Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.

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

Our grass height ordinance does not apply to native grasses or plants such as milkweed. The Village began a new No Mow May program in which our mowing ordinance is waived entirely during the month of May.

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

Complete

If this action is Complete, please include the date it was completed and share a 1-2 sentence description. Please include a copy of the policy by uploading or linking below.

2019

Launch, expand, or continue one or more ordinances to reduce light pollution to benefit urban wildlife.

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

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

International Dark Sky Association

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

Complete

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The Village now provides sustainability reviews to all new developments coming to Northbrook in need of zoning relief. Any applicable project with exterior lighting is required to comply with International Dark Sky standards for light fixtures to mitigate light pollution- see page 4 of attached document. These standards will be reflected in our updated Engineering Standards and Specifications for street and parking lighting as well.

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Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

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

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What is the total acreage of land treated to remove invasive plants? Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

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Please describe the extent of revisions or maintenance to invasive species removal programs, as well as the practices or techniques used to remove the invasive plants.

This year our invasive species removal program was continued with the development of a Village webpage with invasive plant identification and removal guidelines (https://www.northbrook.il.us/1097/Invasive-Species). As well, staff began a more robust enforcement program when property complaints are filed about invasive weeds growing in town. We also promote community volunteer opportunities for ecological restoration efforts that largely consist of invasive species removal.

Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals that are harmful to monarchs and pollinators and urban wildlife.

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

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This is complete as of February 2023, with the start of the new landscape maintenance contract. While the state's Illinois Pesticide Act currently prohibits municipalities from regulating pesticide usage city- wide, the Village applies a sustainable pest management policy for all Village owned/ maintained greenspace. This requires robust reporting in the event that pesticides are used alongside diligent pest prevention practices.

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?

Climate Action Planning Team

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

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https://www.northbrook.il.us/993/Climate-Action-Plan Our Climate Action Plan (enacted August 2021) includes an entire greenspace category with an express goal to participate in the Mayors Monarch Pledge annually. We hope to accomplish 110 acres converted to native habitat by 2030.

Launch, expand, or continue an effort to change municipal planting ordinances and practices to include more native milkweed and native nectar producing plants at city properties.

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

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Complete as of February 2023, with the start of the new landscape contract. The Village updated its landscaping contract and Engineering Specifications and Standards documents for Village owned / maintained properties. Both of these initiatives are incorporating the Village efforts to promote pollinator habitat and reduce pesticide usage and inorganic fertilizers.

Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.

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https://www.northbrook.il.us/993/Climate-Action-Plan Due to our Climate Action Plan (enacted August 2021), all new Village projects must use native landscaping and integrated pest management. As well, the Village now provides sustainability reviews to all new developments coming to Northbrook in need of zoning relief. Any applicable project with a landscaping component is provided with materials on how to best create pollinator habitat.

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This suggests at least 70% native plants incorporated into landscaping (grass, groundcover, forbs, shrubs, and trees). Applicants must provide their species lists in Landscape Plans and are required to make revisions if any known problematic species are included. The Village is also currently updating our zoning code, and requirements for native plantings are being considered.

Convert vacant lots to monarch habitat.

Where is the monarch habitat located? (Please provide an address, if possible)

916 Dundee

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

none

What is the total acreage of land that has been converted? Please limit your answer to only the number of acres in the answer field below (e.g., 2 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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How many lots were converted to monarch habitat? Please limit your answer to only the number of lots in the answer field below (e.g., 3)

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Please describe when the lots were converted to monarch habitat and the planned maintenance schedule.

The Village is committed to preserving crucial conservation habitat on vacant properties, and provides annual check-ins to large vacant lots in the Village to prevent the spread of invasive species.

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