Village of Frankfort

FRANKFORT, IL

Mayor Jim Holland

Pledge Summary

The Village of Frankfort is located approximately 35 miles southwest of Chicago, Illinois. One of the main contributors to Frankfort's high quality-of-life is the abundant natural environment. Tucked away at the east end of Frankfort's historic downtown lies the award-winning Prairie Park. This 14-acre park features both preserved and expanded native prairie areas, over 140 different native plant species, a fishing pond, walking paths and educational interpretative signage. Located within the park is one of the last remaining natural prairie areas in Frankfort. The Village of Frankfort desires to continue to preserve, enhance and grow Frankfort's network of open spaces and natural areas. This pledge aligns with this goal and our community looks forward to raising awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat.

Action Items Committed for 2021

Communications and Convening

- Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Jim Holland	2021	3/29/2021	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.).

1000

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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.)

300

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.

Parks and community gardens

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

Prairie Park is a community park open to the public

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

To enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation

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?

National Wildlife Federation

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

Plans to partner with Conservation Foundation and the Frankfort Arts Association on future monarch art projects throughout the community.

Selected Action Items

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

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

Monarchs.jpg

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

Frankfort Arts Association

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).

75

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).

This community art project was designed to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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Prairie Park 2021 Sign Map Locations.docx

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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).

See attached photos of interpretive signage

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

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

We partnered with the Conservation Foundation to help educate residents on the importance of native plantings for the pollinators.

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