Village of Glenview

Glenview, IL

Village Manager Matt Formica

Pledge Summary

The Village of Glenview, Illinois is a northern suburb of Chicago, with a population of approximately 47,000. The residents and staff have demonstrated their commitment to monarch butterfly habitat through attending monitoring training with the Field Museum staff, creating numerous backyard and schoolyard butterfly gardens, supporting public demonstration monarch gardens, and creating a monarch plan. We look forward to continuing our efforts.

Action Items Committed for 2021

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.)

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

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Village President Mike Jenny	2026	1/6/2026	
Village President Mike Jenny	2025	1/21/2025	Signatories
Village President Michael Jenny	2023	2/17/2023	
Village President Michael Jenny	2022	2/4/2022	Signatories
Village Manager Matt Formica	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

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number of individuals reached in the answer field below (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only.).

120

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.)

50 youth, 70 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.

A common area that is culturally significant because it is new open space where the Village participated in a floodplain buyout program to demolish flood-prone properties. This created new open space; the 2021 Pine Street project created pollinator and other wildlife habitat from that open space.

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

We partner with our public school (Glenbrook High School) to encourage participation from students, who come from a variety of economic circumstances and ethnicities. Our Natural Resources Commission has two student members to assist us in this outreach. Likewise, we seek assistance from local Boy Scout troops when planning volunteer days.

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

The Village of Glenview's Natural Resources Commission has been working to create and improve habitat in our Chicago suburban location since 2004, and this work grew out of previous efforts to redevelop a former Navy Base including preserving and creating natural habitat. We noticed monarch butterflies responding to these efforts, and as the Field Museum in Chicago began outreach to local municipalities we were in a good position to respond and accelerate our efforts. It was a member of their staff who alerted us to the Mayors' Monarch Pledge program.

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

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help expand equitable engagement in community processes and access to high-quality, usable nature?

Brochures and other educational materials specific to the Chicago area efforts to improve monarch habitat and "what you can do" tips would be great to hand out at various events throughout the year.

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

We continue to maintain numerous locations that have been planted to include milkweed and nectar plants, and to look for more opportunities to expand these efforts.

Selected Action Items

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.

Board Report for Natural Area Maintenance (002).docx

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

100

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.

The Village of Glenview has an ongoing Natural Areas Maintenance contract to care for remnant and restored natural areas. The contract was renewed in 2021 and provides ongoing monitoring and treatment of invasive species. Moreover, the Village maintains a summer intern program and the interns also participate in invasive species removal. Methods include cutting (in the case of buckthorn and flowering heads of many invasive species), pulling, and spot herbiciding, followed by supplemental seeding of native plants. Prescribed burns are also conducted on most of our natural areas.

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Pine Street Flyer (003).pdf

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 of Glenview completed a streambank stabilization project at our Pine Street floodplain buyout parcels, where homes had been purchased and demolished to avoid continued economic damage from flooding. This included installing seed and plugs of milkweed and nectar species that will support monarch butterflies. The project is considered a climate change adaptation project, as the flooding causing buyout of the parcels was likely connected to climate changes, and the selected native species were chosen in part to create climate resiliency.

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

We partnered with neighborhood residents near the Pine Street project, including two onsite and two virtual meetings to describe the project and solicit feedback. We also partnered with Boy Scout Troop #156 to organize volunteer work days including planting plugs and mulching trees/planting shrubs.

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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Bike Tour Flyer 2021.pdf

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

The predominant methods of communication in 2021 were maintaining our website with information about the Village's efforts for monarchs, https://www.glenview.il.us/about/Pages/Monarch-butterflies.aspx as well as speaking engagements, including a bike tour showcasing natural/green infrastructure areas in the Village, a presentation at the Glenview Public Library covering our public tree management

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program and other efforts for increasing and maintaining habitat. We also coordinated with a local Boy Scout troop (#156) to plant plugs of milkweed and nectar plants, and a spring and fall river cleanup event within one of our natural areas.

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