Village of Glenview

Glenview, IL

Village President Michael Jenny

Pledge Summary

The Village of Glenview, Illinois is a suburb about 20 miles north of Chicago with a population of approximately 49,000. The Village has created a monarch conservation plan and includes milkweed and nectar plants in landscaping at numerous public facilities. The Village has also partnered with local schools to support their pollinator gardens and provides educational materials to encourage residents to create private pollinator gardens.

Action Items Committed for 2022

Communications and Convening

- 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.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants along roadsides, medians, or public rights-of-way.
- Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

Systems Change

- Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.
- Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city's Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Village President Mike Jenny	2026	1/6/2026	
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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

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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.).

25

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.)

25 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.

0.5

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 open space that has been converted from turf to native vegetation (i.e., our Pine Street floodway project, planting beds in public gardens)

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

There has not been a targeted message to these communities; rather, the communication has been to a general audience.

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

Working with the Field Museum, we mapped our milkweed stems several years ago, and were among the first to take the Mayors' Monarch Pledge. Creating more naturalized open space within the Village is a primary goal of our Environment and Natural Resources Commission, and the pledge is one way to express and organize this mission.

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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Additional resources for communicating with schools and Scout groups would be helpful for these oals.

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

The Village continues to seek opportunities to improve natural habitat, including monarch habitat, throughout public properties, as well as conduct outreach to encourage residents to consider similar landscaping choices. We are working on an update of our Plan for Nature in Glenview, which is a part of our Comprehensive Plan and incorporates our Monarch Conservation Plan. Our Environment and Natural Resources Commission conducts several outreach events each year focused on improved habitat within the Village.

Selected Action Items

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.

2 - Public Works and Community Development staff (Village Departments) coordinated with our landscape contractor to identify additional areas where mowing can be scaled back and milkweed/nectar plants added. Focus primarily around Village Hall and a few other Village-owned properties.

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

Landscape contractor participated in "no mow til mother's day" program on Village property and installed nectar/milkweed plants in several areas where plantings were needed to fill bare patches in landscape beds. Included meetings between landscaper and Village staff as well as follow-up inspections - about 5-6 hours.

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)

Landscape beds along bike/pedestrian path north of Downtown Glenview Metra commuter train station (on east side of railroad tracks), and in roadway medians along Chestnut Rd. (and a few along Patriot Blvd. medians)

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

278

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.

0.5

Please describe the maintenance schedule for these planted areas.

Landscape contractor who installed the plants is responsible for weeding the beds, approximately biweekly to monthly.

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

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.

Our natural areas maintenance contract includes invasive species removal on all of the areas included in the contract. Woody species (primarily buckthorn, some Callery pear and others) are cut and stumps treated with herbicide. Herbaceous invasives are typically spot sprayed, though can also be mowed, pulled, and/or seed heads removed. Removals are followed by supplemental seeding of native species, and prescribed burns are also implemented when appropriate.

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?

This was not a change of the ordinance so much as an agreement not to enforce it for a program, "No Mow 'Til Mother's Day," meant to support pollinators (though not monarchs specifically). This was staff driven and implemented by our code enforcement division, with support from our communications director and Community Development department.

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

Ongoing - the program is being repeated in 2023 and likely in future years as well. Again, it does not technically change the ordinance but it does formally suspend enforcement for those who participate in the program (about 300 residences in 2022).

If this action is In Progress, please describe your progress and a target date when you plan to complete action.

No Mow 'Til Mother's Day is an ongoing program beginning in 2022, in which residents register with the Village and post a lawn sign indicating they are participating in the program. This means that code enforcement for violating the "tall grass and weeds" ordinance will not be conducted until after the program ends. It is primarily designed to inspire residents to consider their landscaping practices and how the practices help or do not help pollinators in general. Our tall grass and weeds ordinance already excepts native landscaping.

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?

The Village's Environment and Natural Resources Commission invited the general public to attend its meetings and general meetings (e.g. at the public library) to describe the Plan for Nature in Glenview update.

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

In progress

If this action is In Progress, please describe your progress and a target date when you plan to complete action.

The Plan for Nature in Glenview is undergoing an update. A draft of the technical report has been submitted to the Environment and Natural Resources Commission in 2022, and

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presented to the public. The draft incorporates the Village's existing Monarch Conservation Plan by reference, and includes additional recommendations for pollinator support. Some sections specifically discuss monarch butterflies along with rusty patch bumblebees. Full adoption of the Plan for Nature in Glenview is planned by October 2023.

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