Village of Glenview

Glenview, IL

Village President Mike 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. At public events we often offer milkweed seed packets or milkweed plugs, and have created a web page describing monarch conservation efforts locally and nationally.

Action Items Committed for 2025

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.
- Engage with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning processes to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.

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

Systems Change

- 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

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

90

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.)

75

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.

2

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.

Village facilities and rights-of-way

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

Discussing the program and recruiting volunteers through our Village newsletter and website

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

The pledge supports the Environment and Natural Resources Commission's ongoing efforts to improve habitat wherever possible throughout the Village of Glenview

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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?

Past grant funding has provided seed to enhance natural areas with species that support local pollinators - similar future programs would be welcome

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

Further details are in the second part of the report

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.

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

110

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 has an annual Natural Areas Maintenance Contract that requires ongoing monitoring and removal of invasive plant species from all Village-owned natural areas. This can include spot herbiciding, pulling, cutting seed heads, etc. Additionally, the Village continued a buckthorn removal incentive program that supports residents who want to remove buckthorn from their private property and advises replacing buckthorn with native species when possible. Several homeowners reported replacing buckthorn with native plant gardens.

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?

Monarchs are included in a plan specifically about them adopted by the Environment and Natural Resources Commission and referred to in the existing Plan for Nature in Glenview. Currently a Sustainability Plan is being drafted that will include a section on natural areas and open space, incorporating references to pollinator habitat and referring back to the earlier plans. Garden Clubs, Greener Glenview (sustainability), Park District, County forest

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preserves, Openlands TreeKeepers, Metropolitan Mayors' Caucus, and many other groups have contributed to drafting the sustainability plan.

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 Sustainability Plan has been drafted and will be fully adopted by March or April 2026.

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

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

None - these gardens were maintained through both our traditional landscaper and natural areas maintenance contractor.

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

1000

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

The landscapers annually refresh and expand planting beds in which plants or shrubs have died and need replacing, or in the case of the natural areas maintenance contractor, native plants are routinely planted throughout natural areas to enhance diversity and establishment of a natural prairie or savanna environment. In both cases the plantings are considered routine maintenance but an emphasis is placed on native plants including milkweed.

Engage with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning processes to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.

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

As part of drafting a Sustainability Plan, our Deputy Director of Community Development attended several workshops, open houses, and other meetings and heard requests from community groups to consider monarch and other pollinator habitat. As implementation of the plan begins in 2026, a sustainability coordinator consultant will be integrated on-site

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with staff and work alongside the Natural Resources Manager to continue advocating for native plantings and native plantings and natural habitats within the Village.

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

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)

Village Hall, Glenview, 2500 East Lake Ave. It contributes to the cultural significance of the monarch in that Village Hall is the driver of local government, so landscaping to support monarchs here is a statement of intention

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

The garden was completed as part of a Scout project that included community volunteers, but has since been maintained (and continues to be improved) by our landscaping contractor and summer interns

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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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.

One (interdepartmental communication and cooperation). Community Development staff coordinated with Public Works staff to convert turf grass at three Village facilities to pollinator-supporting native vegetation. This was done as part of a grant and required discussion about the best locations for the conversion to take place.

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

Staff negotiated to convert turf to native vegetation at three pump house/reservoir sites, requiring approval and coordination across departments. The plan was developed in 2024 and implemented in fall 2025 - mowing regimes changed as part of the conversion and

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maintenance of these locations will be dramatically different in all subsequent growing seasons (compared to weekly mowings over the past several decades).

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

Where are the medians, roadsides and public rights-of-way? (Please provide an address or coordinates, if possible, or describe the location)

Three separate Village pump house locations - while not technically roadsides they are similar in that they are visible, small facilities that serve the public but are not themselves destinations for the public, and their landscaping has been conventional mowed turf for decades. These sites were part of a grant to create "pollinator hubs" which are located near previous or ongoing turf-to-native-vegetation projects, ultimately creating networked clusters of pollinator habitat. Most of the conversion was done through turf removal and native seeding. High school students added 1,500 plugs to the site across the street from their school, which has created several pollinator sites across campus. An Eagle Scout candidate added another 1,500 plugs to the other two sites across four planting events that he organized. The sites were at 957 Laramie Ave., 1600 Executive Lane, and 3704 West Lake Ave. in Glenview, IL.

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

3000

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.

The final plug planting was completed in fall 2025. The installation contractor is responsible for maintaining the sites for two more growing seasons to ensure the vegetation is established. At the end of the two years, the sites will be rolled into the annual Natural Areas Maintenance Contract, in which all of the Village's natural areas are managed through spot weed control, prescribed burning, litter pickup, and overseeding or enhancement plugs as needed.

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