Village of Palos Park

Palos Park, IL

Mayor John Mahoney

Pledge Summary

The Village of Palos Park is a unique and active community in the Southwest suburbs of Chicago. Residents enjoy a good balance of business, community events, great trails and outdoor recreation nestled in the midst of dense wooded land. The Village is a wonderful place to live and raise a family in a natural environment and the ecosystem is encouraged and respected. The Village has had butterfly and pollinator gardens for several years, but more recently, plans are underway to add more in the area.

Action Items Committed for 2021

Communications and Convening

- 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.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

Systems Change

- 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.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor John F. Mahoney	2023	3/20/2023	Signatories
Mayor John Mahoney	2021	4/29/2021	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.).

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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.)

700 adults 300 children

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.

Common areas / parks. Residents who have planted milkweed seeds that were provided.

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

Our pollinator garden at Centennial Park is adjacent to a low-income apartment building. The park, and garden specifically, have signage to educate the public on Monarch conservation. .

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

The Village of Palos Park has been supportive and protective of the ecosystem, butterflies, pollinators and trees for many years. The Mayor's Monarch Pledge gives us more reason to continue.

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?

The available resources through NWF have been very useful.

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

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As mentioned above, this Village and residents are quite protective of our natural environment and supporting the ecosystem.

Selected Action Items

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:

June 14, 2021

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

'MONARCH CONSERVATION' IN THE VILLAGE OF PALOS PARK

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Monarch Proclamation 2021.pdf

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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

Monarch sign.1.jpg

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

Monarch sign.2.jpg

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 sign is located at the Village Hall in our large Monarch/pollinator garden that surrounds the front door entrance. This area has been enhanced to provide habitat which supports the Monarch Butterfly migration and population. In particular, milkweed plant has been established which plays a key role in the monarch life cycle. Milkweed is the only plant the monarch caterpillar will eat, therefore the adult female monarch relies on the availability of

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milkweed on which to lay her eggs. Planting milkweed also helps bees and other pollinators by providing them an additional source of nectar. Do not cut vegetation or spray with chemicals.

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.

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

Butterfly garden at park.1.jpg

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Butterfly garden at park.2.jpg

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

Village Manager approved planting of a butterfly garden at our Centennial park. We also coordinate with our beautification committee on projects. The plan is to incorporate butterfly/pollinator garden discussion when planning future gardens. ittee

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.

We are not planting any gardens in the fall and winter. If gardens are planned in spring 2022, it will be part of the discussion.

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

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MONARCH SEEDS.jpg

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

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The Village ordered 100 packs of milkweed seeds and had them available for free in the Village Hall lobby.

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

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

Beautification Committee

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