Village of Palos Park

Palos Park, IL

Mayor John F. 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 mist 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. We continue to protect and value this aspect of the ecosystem.

Action Items Committed for 2023

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.
- 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

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

Systems Change

- Remove milkweed from the list of noxious plants in city weed / landscaping ordinances (if applicable).

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

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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.).

4000

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.)

(2000 adults and 2000 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.

90th and 123rd

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

We have the monarch on the 2023-24 vehicle sticker and have been posting information on our facebook page. We have lower income senior community.

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

Palos Park is proud of its natural environment and want to support that end.

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 reminders from your organization.

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

We also have milkweed seeds available for residents in the Village Hall and mention it in our weekly enews.

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Selected Action Items

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.)

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

We use our weekly enews, and facebook page.

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:

March 27, 2023

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

Proclaiming 'Monarch Conservation' in the Village of Palos Park

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Monarch Pledge 2023.pdf

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

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

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

We have seed packets in the lobby at our Village Hall. Free to residents. 50 packets taken to date.

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

200

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

Recreation Dept.

Remove milkweed from the list of noxious plants in city weed / landscaping ordinances (if applicable).

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

N/A

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

N/A

If this action is Complete, please include the date it was completed and share a 1-2 sentence description. Please include a copy of the policy by uploading or linking below.

N/A

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

N/A

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