Village of Bloomingdale

Bloomingdale, IL

Village President Franco Coladipietro

Pledge Summary

The Village of Bloomingdale is located in DuPage County, Illinois, about 25 miles west of downtown Chicago with a population of approximately 22,000 people. The Village has been named a Tree City, USA for over 25 years and is committed to participating in environmental initiatives that help with monarch and pollinator conservation.

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.
- 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

- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Village President Franco Coladipietro	2024	3/28/2024	Signatories
Village President Franco Coladipietro	2023	2/17/2023	Signatories
Village President Franco Coladipietro	2022	4/26/2022	Signatories
Village President Franco Coladipietro	2021	4/30/2021	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.).

2500

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.)

Approximately 2400 adults and 100 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.

3

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 Library and Open Spaces as well as a Public Park

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

Community Gardens

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

Out of true concern for the diminishing population of Monarch Butterflies as well as pollinators

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?

This website has been a wonderful resource as well as collaborating with other community organizations as the Park District and Library who had already done some research on their own.

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

I have learned much from my first year as a participant in this program and hope to continue to learn ways of helping the Monarch Butterfly

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Selected Action Items

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

How many garden signs are being displayed and where are they located? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

Please describe the educational information on the sign(s), and provide any links to externally purchased sign(s).

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:

April 30, 2021

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

Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Monarch Pledge Day Proclamation 2021.pdf

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.)

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

June 2021 Village Almanac Monarch Pledge.pdf

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

December 2021 Almanac Habitat.pdf

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

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Printed Materials-Village Almanac-June 2021 and December 2021 Social Media-Enews and Facebook

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

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

Milkweed Planting 2-Village of Bloomingdale-Cardinal Drive.jpg

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Milkweed Planting Village of Bloomingdale-Schick Road.jpg

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Bloomingdale Public Library Gardens.jpg

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

Village of Bloomingdale Public Works Department planted in several community areas including parks and open space. Additionally Bloomingdale Park District has begun the process of creating a Meadow Habitat for Pollinators, working with Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (see attached article). The Bloomingdale Library created a garden this past year and the garden is listed on the Monarch Watch Waystation Registry and is a certified Monarch Garden by the North American Butterfly Association (see attached article).

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

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Please describe your effort in completing this action.

Coordinated effort with Public Works. Our village Public works also communicated with the Park District. Discussed action items taking place at the Bloomingdale Park District and Bloomingdale Library.

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