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 2022

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.

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.

Public Library and Open Spaces as well as a Public Park and off of parking lot

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. Additionally, we recently become involved with the DuPage Monarch Project

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

We have a designated area already planned out for the Spring of 2023 for a butterfly garden.

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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:

April 26, 2022

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

Mayor's Monarch Pledge Day

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Mayor Monarch Pledge Proclamation 2022.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.

August 2022 Village Almanac Article for Monarch.pdf

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Residential Enews August 25 2022.jpg

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Village Almanac October 2022 Waystation Article.pdf

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

Articles in the August and October 2022 Editions of the Village Almanac. This 24 page publication goes out to every household in Bloomingdale and is distributed via the Village Hall and Public Library. The articles explain how to help restore the Monarch population

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and how the village have designated Waystations. Article in the Residential Enews August 25, 2022, that sends out to approximately 2,500 recipients.

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

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Monarch Signs.jpg

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Residential Enews August 25 2022.jpg

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

The Village of Bloomingdale and it's Public Works team, Bloomingdale Public Library

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

45

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

Village of Bloomingdale Public Works Department planted in multiple areas on the village owned open space, and further, went on to certify them as "official" Waystations through MonarchWatch.org and included signage. Included along with milkweed are many thistle plants. No chemicals are sprayed in the open space so the environment is perfect to foster their growth. Additionally a space has been designated to be created as a Butterfly Garden/Monarch Waystation at the area next to our Village Hall, which will take place in the Spring of 2023. Finally, there is a Monarch Waystation behind the Village Hall and Public Library.

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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Signage and certificate 2022 (2).jpg

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Monarch Waystation at BPL.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 Village of Bloomingdale now has designated areas as Monarch Waystations, which provides milkweed and nectar plants for monarchs throughout their annual cycle of reproduction and migration. Look for these signs located in the open space near the two ponds. Additionally, a space to be designated as a Butterfly Garden/Monarch Waystation at the Village Hall. Finally, there is a Monarch Waystation behind the Village Hall and Bloomingdale Public Library with designated signage.

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