Village of Union

Union, IL

President Anthony Fredrickson

Pledge Summary

Union is a small village 60 miles northwest of Chicago. We are home to the Illinois Railroad Museum and McHenry County Historical Society. The pollinator gardens add much charm and beauty to our village. We are excited to see the gardens grow and also to see the Monarch population grow.

Action Items Committed for 2025

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.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

Systems Change

- Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals that are harmful to monarchs and pollinators and urban wildlife.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
President Anthony Fredrickson	2026	1/8/2026	
President Anthony Fredrickson	2025	1/14/2025	Signatories
President Robert Wagner	2024	3/12/2024	Signatories
Buildings and grounds trustee Ian McCartney	2022	12/14/2021	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.).

850

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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.)

10

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.

0

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 Hall

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

Signage is shared at predominate locations in the community

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

Beautification and environmental stewardship

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?

Meetings and shared seed resources

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

Increase in insect diversity and numbers of monarchs at the garden

Selected Action Items

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

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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)

17703 O'Cock Rd. Union, Illinois

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

McHenry County Enviromental Defenders

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.

0.01

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)

3

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

Describes the Monarch pledge and the garden

Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals that are harmful to monarchs and pollinators and urban wildlife.

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

February 18, 2025 (4).docx

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

Village officials

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

complete

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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.

January 1, 2025 - never used herbicides. It was discussed at a building and grounds committee meeting (to not use any chemicals on the garden.

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