Village of Algonquin

Algonquin, IL

Village President Debby Sosine

Pledge Summary

Algonquin is a town in the northwest suburbs of Chicago with a population of roughly 30,000.The city is nestled in the Fox River valley and is home to over 400 acres of restored natural area. President Sosine of Algonquin, IL has committed to saving the Monarch butterfly and other pollinators with the signing of the Mayors' Monarch Pledge and looks forward to engaging the community in establishing more pollinator habitat throughout the Village.

Action Items Committed for 2024

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.
- Engage with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning processes to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Village President Debby Sosine	2026	1/9/2026	
Village President Debby Sosine	2025	1/10/2025	Signatories
Village President Debby Sosine	2024	3/31/2024	Signatories
Village President Debby Sosine	2023	2/17/2023	Signatories
Village President Debby Sosine	2022	1/6/2022	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.).

225

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.)

50

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.

35

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 green infrastructure corridors, Village-Owned open spaces

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

Algonquin does not have marginalized communities.

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

The Village of Algonquin invests in the ecological health of our open spaces to improve the quality of the environment and to provide ecosystem services to the community.

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?

Access to additional funding through grants and other programs would be helpful to continue our work.

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

The Village of Algonquin has continued to ecologically restore parcels throughout the Village, restoring over 35 acres in 2024 using native prairie, woodland, and wetland plant species.

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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:

06/04/2024

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

Proclamation Recognizing June 17-23, 2024 as Pollinator Week

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Pollinator Week 2024 Proclamation.pdf

Engage with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning processes to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.

Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and associated opportunities to create monarch habitat.

We have a strong development review process at the Village of Algonquin that involves the Village Ecologist, Village Engineer, and other Public Works staff in the review process for all proposed developments within the Village limits. During this review process, the development is assessed for green infrastructure opportunities. In one example, the Village successfully negotiated a 24 acre native restoration and donation with a housing development that is being constructed within the Village.

Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

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

Algonquin Lakes Eagle Scout Project.JPG

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Dixie Creek Drone 10.2.2024.JPG

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Woods Creek Channel with seed and blanket installed.JPG

What is the total acreage of land treated to remove invasive plants? Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

35 acres

Please describe the extent of revisions or maintenance to invasive species removal programs, as well as the practices or techniques used to remove the invasive plants.

The Village has an active natural area management program that keeps the ~400 acres of restored natural area in great ecological health. In addition to our maintenance program, the Village has completed 35 acres of natural area ecological restoration during the 2024 calendar year. This includes two stream restoration projects, a woodland restoration, and a small volunteer-led prairie restoration.

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