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 430 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 2025

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.
- Engage with city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.

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

Created with the DynamicPDF Essentials Edition. [u349:v1.14.0.49966]

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.

32.8

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

We believe that the program helps to bring awareness to the need to create and maintain pollinator habitat.

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?

Additional, topic specific meeting opportunities: For example, to have members of the network present on success stories, challenges, or lessons learned.

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.).

11500

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.

Stormwater Facilities, Publicly owned natural areas, Community parks.

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

The Village has engaged all communities through free to attend programs and educational opportunities sponsored by the Village and the McHenry County Government.

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.)

250

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

Created with the DynamicPDF Essentials Edition. [u349:v1.14.0.49966]

The Village of Algonquin continues to be a regional leader in the field of ecological restoration which includes a multitude of benefits, from pollinator habitat to water quality.

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:

June 3rd, 2025

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

Recognizing June 16-22, 2025 as Pollinator Week

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Pollinator Week Signed 06.03.2025.pdf

Engage with city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.

Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and revisions/maintenance implemented for mowing or planting programs.

As Part of the Village of Algonquin Public Works team, staff have worked directly with our landscape contractors to ensure that pollinator habitat is preserved and not mowed. We partner with our Recreation Department to utilize these areas for educational opportunities. Village of Algonquin staff host county-level stormwater BMP talk and tour events, where local municipalities, non profits, and other governmental organizations attend to learn about utilizing green infrastructure. Our most recent talk and tour was held on Friday, July 25th, 2025 at the Dixie Creek Reach 5 restoration site and was attended by over 25 people.

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

Talk and Tour 07.25.2025.JPG

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

Wynnfield Detention 07.2025.JPG

Created with the DynamicPDF Essentials Edition. [u349:v1.14.0.49966]

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

Dixie Creek Reach 5 07.2025.JPG

How many community organizations and groups participated? Please list them below.

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County McHenry County Department of Planning and Development Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District

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.

In 2025, the Village of Algonquin had a two-pronged approach to engage with various land managers to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat. 1) Within Village of Algonquin municipal Boundary: We consistently review all development plans and identify areas that require ecological restoration, maintenance, or preservation and hold developers accountable to meeting our requirements for green infrastructure development. This work is supported by the Village of Algonquin Public Works through our team of Engineers and our Village Ecologist. 2)Outside of our municipal boundary: There have been multiple opportunities for the Village of Algonquin to share our cutting edge Natural Area and Green Infrastructure Program to other communities, leaders, and land managers. Two examples in 2025 have included: Speaking at the Center for Watershed Protection's National Watershed and Stormwater Conference. The Village gave a presentation about the collaboration required to protect the Woods Creek Watershed. The presentation highlighted the stream and riparian restoration work that has been accomplished over the past 20 years within the Woods Creek Watershed. Speaking at the McHenry County Stormwater Forum which was attended by over 100 people from all over the state of Illinois. The presentation focused on watershed planning, funding restoration projects, and the maintenance required for ecologically restored habitats.

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

McHenry County Water Forum 09.10.25.JPG

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

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

291.6 acres

Created with the DynamicPDF Essentials Edition. [u349:v1.14.0.49966]

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 of Algonquin continued its robust natural area maintenance program in 2025. The Village conducted twelve prescribed burns within our network of established, ecologically restored natural areas, totaling 127.6 acres. The Village also contracted for $100,600 worth of natural areas maintenance activities within our established natural areas, covering 164 additional acres of habitat maintained in 2025. Maintenance activities included: 1) Using prescribed fire to reduce invasive woody plants 2) Spot herbicide treatments to individual plants of concern 3) Mowing of newly planted areas to a height of 6-12" to keep annual weeds at bay 4) Spot mowing areas of dense annual or biennial weeds 5) Winter brushing to remove larger diameter woody invasive species

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

Drip Line at Blue Ridge 03.10.2025.JPG

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

Presidential Park Natural Area 07.2025.JPG

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

WTP3 Native Seeding 07.2025.JPG

Created with the DynamicPDF Essentials Edition. [u349:v1.14.0.49966]