# Village of Huntley

Huntley, IL

Village President Timothy Hoeft

## Pledge Summary

The Village of Huntley has a population of almost 30,000 and is located in Chicago's "Golden Corridor" at the crossroads of 1-90 and Route 47. Huntley is among the fastest growing communities in the Chicago area. Village President Hoeft is committed to saving the monarch butterfly and other pollinators by signing the Mayors' Monarch Pledge. The Village of Huntley looks forward to engaging with residents to encourage awareness and engagement to build more pollinator habitats throughout the Village.

## Action Items Committed for 2023

### 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.

### 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.

## Past Pledge Archive

| Mayor Name | Program Year | Pledge Date | Achievement |
|---|---|---|---|
| Village President Timothy Hoeft | 2025 | 1/30/2025 | |
| Village President Timothy Hoeft | 2024 | 3/25/2024 | Signatories |
| Village President Timothy Hoeft | 2023 | 3/27/2023 | Signatories |
| Village President Timothy Hoeft | 2022 | 1/18/2022 | 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 number of individuals reached in the answer field below (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only.).**

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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.)**

100 youths; 400 adults

**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.**

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**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.**

Bohart Park, 9661 Abbey Road, Village of Huntley

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

We have ensured our events are accessible (financially and physically) to low-income neighborhoods in our community.

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

Village President Hoeft was committed to saving the Monarch Butterfly.

**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?**

The National Wildlife Federation webpage resource center. Maybe for financial resources to support the planting of pollinator gardens. More marketing template materials for website, mailers, social media, signage.

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

We are going to integrate the new Monarch Butterfly Pollinator Garden into our GIS system by adding to our Parks & Recreation GIS HUB App to better display location and information about the 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:**

February 23, 2023

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

Mayor's Monarch Pledge Day

**Upload a copy of your proclamation.**

Monarch Butterfly Proclamation 3.2023.pdf

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

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

Village of Huntley Monarch Butterfly Collage REDUCED.jpg

**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)**

LOCATION: Bohart Park, 9661 Abbey Road, Village of Huntley; Monarch Butterflies provide a connectivity to communities and residents and we wanted to further connect the residents of Huntley to the parks and natural areas in support of the Monarchs.

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

The Village of Huntley Public Works Department; The Village of Huntley Rotary Club; The Village of Huntley Park District.

**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.**

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

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

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**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).**

Huntley Pollinator Gardens Protecting and preserving Monarch Butterflies, Bees Birds and Wildlife.

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