City of Woodstock

Woodstock, IL

Mayor Michael Turner

Pledge Summary

Woodstock Illinois is home to about 25,000 residents and is located in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago. Mayor Turner committed to saving the monarch butterfly and other pollinators by signing the Mayors' Monarch Pledge on February 15, 2022. The City of Woodstock, alongside it's residents and environmental ambassadors, look forward to engaging, educating, and advocating for more pollinator habitats throughout the city.

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.
- Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- 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

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

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Michael Turner	2026	2/11/2026	
Mayor Michael Turner	2025	1/28/2025	Signatories
Mayor Michael Turner	2024	1/9/2024	Signatories
Mayor Michael Turner	2023	2/8/2023	Signatories
Mayor Michael Turner	2022	2/16/2022	Signatories

Action Items

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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.).

25

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.)

4 youth, 21 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.

0.2

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.

City Parks

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

N/A

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

Environmental Commission Initiative

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?

Community involvement

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

Our first year was a great success. We've learned a lot and plan to pledge again next year.

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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:

02/15/2022

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

Mayors Monarch Pledge Proclamation

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

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Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.

Please describe the groups you engaged with and how you engaged with these groups below.

Community gardeners and the University of Illinois extension planted milkweed at the Community GREENS in the City of Woodstock in the Spring of 2022.

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

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

University of Illinois

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

12

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

An entire plot within our community gardens site was dedicated, planted and nourished by U of I's gardeners as a pollinators research endeavor designed to protect and provide for native pollinators.

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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.

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

McHenry County Land Conservancy, 4H, and University of Illinois.

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

Monthly meetings, signage to designate native species, and educate staff about mowing best practices, locations, and schedules.

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