City of Woodstock

Woodstock, IL

Mayor Michael Turner

Pledge Summary

“Woodstock Illinois is home to approximately 25,000 residents and is located in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago. The City is home to 553 acres of parkland including developed parks, natural areas, community gardens and open spaces. Mayor Michael Turner is committed to saving the monarch butterfly and other pollinators by signing the Mayors’ Monarch Pledge on March 4, 2025. The City of Woodstock, alongside it's residents and environmental ambassadors, vow to continue engaging with our community to encourage pollinator habitat rehabilitation. 2025 marks the fourth year of Woodstock’s commitment.”

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.
- Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods. (If you have community members who speak a language other than English, we encourage you to also communicate in that language; Champion Pledges must communicate in that language.)

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Convert vacant lots to monarch habitat.
- Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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

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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.).

100

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.)

25

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.

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?

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We incorporated our pledge into the City's Parks Master Plan for continued support for years to come!

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:

March 4th, 2025

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

Mayor's Monarch Pledge Proclamation

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

2025 Proclamation.pdf

Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods. (If you have community members who speak a language other than English, we encourage you to also communicate in that language; Champion Pledges must communicate in that language.)

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

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Please describe the methods of public communication below (e.g., printed materials, social media, print media).

Social Media Post

Convert vacant lots to monarch habitat.

Where is the monarch habitat located? (Please provide an address, if possible)

The City of Woodstock and The Land Conservancy converted 1 acre in Merryman Park to pollinator conservation

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

The Land Conservancy of McHenry and the City of Woodstock

What is the total acreage of land that has been converted? Please limit your answer to only the number of acres in the answer field below (e.g., 2 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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How many lots were converted to monarch habitat? Please limit your answer to only the number of lots in the answer field below (e.g., 3)

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Please describe when the lots were converted to monarch habitat and the planned maintenance schedule.

In Progress

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.

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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.

TLC is contracted to continue this practice in 2025 city-wide

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)

0

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

In progress for 2026

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