

# Coral Township, McHenry County

Union, IL

Coral Township Supervisor Bill Damisch

## Pledge Summary

Coral Township serves the rural communities of three towns: Marengo, Union and Huntley, Illinois. We are in the 2nd phase of our pollinator garden which entailed the cultivation and spreading of native seeds along a fence adjacent to an outbuilding. Milkweed and Joe pye weed were the seeds of choice due to the height of the fence. These seeds were sown this winter. It may take some time for these seeds to appear as plants so in the meantime, donated Joe Pye weed plants will be planted in the Spring of 2023. Plantings along the foundation of the outbuilding (phase 1) will continue to be cared for as well. We hope by sharing our progress with residents they will recognize the benefits and plant pollinator gardens on their property too.

## Action Items Committed for 2023

### Communications and Convening

- 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

- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.
- Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

## Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Township Supervisor William Damisch	2026	1/23/2026	
Coral Township Supervisor Bill Damisch	2025	3/10/2025	Signatories
Coral Township Supervisor Bill Damisch	2024	2/15/2024	Signatories
Coral Township Supervisor Bill Damisch	2023	1/11/2023	Signatories
Coral Township Supervisor Bill Damisch	2022	3/13/2022	Signatories

## Action Items

**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).**

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

I complete garden at township that was started 2 years ago

**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?**

networking with other stewards in area through social media

**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 (e.g., 50).**

20

**Where is your habitat being created? This may include residences (yards, containers, balconies, etc.), schools, places of worship, rights-of-way, roadsides, community gardens, culturally-significant locations, shared public spaces and common areas or parks.**

Garden is located at Township government outbuilding

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

n/a

**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." (Only allow numerical values.)**

20 plus adults

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

In our area we tend to help each other. Our Administrators Anne Stone and Pat Lawlor are wonderful.

## Selected Action Items

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**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).**

Our main methods of communication are through FB and the local Township website.

**Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.**

**How many people attended your event?**

6

**Please describe the milkweed seed collection and propagation effort that you hosted.**

This was slightly altered and became a local garden tour of about 10 pollinator gardens with a seed exchange upon conclusion of the tour.

**What species were collected or propagated?**

rattlesnake master, black eyed susan, Monarda, stiff goldenrod, common milkweed, swamp milkweed, joe pyeweed, blue lobelia, catchfly and more

**What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to host the event?**

other stewards of gardens

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

**How many plants were planted?**

12

**Please describe your effort in completing this action.**

Initially the area was seeded in Feb 2023 with common milkweed and swamp milkweed. Plants did sprout but unfortunately due to extreme drought, the seedlings did not make it. Area was then replanted with 12 more established plants and hand watered until established. All are doing well.

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

Local steward/ Adm supplied some of the plants