

Coral Township, McHenry County

Union, IL

Coral Township Supervisor Bill Damisch

Pledge Summary

Coral Township currently maintains a pollinator garden on the grounds of the Township property. This year our goal is to expand the overall garden bed depth and plant more native milkweed varieties along the fence line. We also hope to assist other stewards with their gardens or assist new stewards in getting their gardens started.

Action Items Committed for 2024

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

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.
- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.

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 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).

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.)

0

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).

0

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.

Small polinator bed surrounds a fuel building located on Township grounds

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

Basically share our garden and lead by example encouraging others to plant more pollinators and natives. Mow less lawn and conserve water by doing so.

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

Education and low maintenance

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?

Local FB page where networking occurs.

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

Collected seeds from previous year's garden and used this year. Also shared plants with others growing their gardens. Also shared seeds at a regional event at a community college

Selected Action Items

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.)

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

The main way our township gets the word out is through FB and the Township website. We also post photos on the local Mayors Monarch group page to motivate and help each other.

Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.

How many plants were sold and/or given away at your event?

Gathered about 10 varieties of seeds to share at a large seed sharing event where the local Mayor's Monarch's group had a booth.

How many people attended your event?

200

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

Mchenry County Defenders

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.

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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)

Located on the Township property in Union, IL

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

Garden is established and did not require any donations from local businesses

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.

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

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

Local plant sale at Historical Society

How many plants were planted?

6

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

Currently have a milkweed garden along a fence. Have been adding more plants each year. Currenty have 3 varieties of milkweed.