

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. The Township maintains a pollinator garden on the grounds of Township property. This year we are continuing to widen our garden bed and increase our milkweed varieties along the fence line. We will also continue to assist other stewards develop their gardens and encourage residents in the township to plant pollinators as well.

Action Items Committed for 2025

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

Systems Change

- Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.

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).

75

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).

0.01

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.

Coral Township Property

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?

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 networkng occurs.

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

As garden contiues to grow, able to expand by transplanting which lowers costs.

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).

Our primary method continues to be social media posts keeping residents engaged.

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 15 variety of seeds from garden and shared at local library seed exchange. The event is on-going and not held on a specific day.

How many people attended your event?

0

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

Marengo-Union Library, Marengo IL

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

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

[20250609_154519.jpg](#)

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?

12

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

Plants were donated then planted at the township garden by local steward.

Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.

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

Coral township, other Mayor Monarch groups in area, Mayor of Union

What is the status of this action? Please limit your answer to either "complete" or "in progress" in the answer field below.

in -progress

If this action is In Progress, please describe your progress and a target date when you plan to complete action.

Each year we continue to phase in more pollinators in the township garden and expand the garden footprint. Encourged the local mayor to plant natives/pollinators on city property and near city welcome sign.