Village of Mundelein

Mundelein, IL

Mayor Steve Lentz

Pledge Summary

Action Items Committed for 2023

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

- 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.
- Convert vacant lots to monarch habitat.
- Host or support a monarch butterfly festival that is accessible to all residents in the community and promotes monarch and pollinator conservation, as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Steve Lentz	2024	3/27/2024	Leadership Circle
Mayor Steve Lentz	2023	3/16/2023	Signatories
Mayor Steve Lentz	2022	3/15/2022	

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.).

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500

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.)

350 adults and 150 youth

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.

Community gardens, overpass entryways into the Village of Mundelein, hanging baskets throughout the village, gateway signs planting areas. The gateway signage habitat is a 2024 goal.

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

Planning and hosting free events and coordinating volunteer efforts for beautification activities.

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

Mundelein is very focused on community beautification and vitality. Plus, when Mundelein initiated a multi-million dollar storm water project to address a decades long flooding problem, the Trustees embraced the idea of incorporating a native habitat into the plans to be good stewards of the environment and to support Mundelein's ongoing sustainability efforts.

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 gardening clubs, Mundelein/Vernon Hills Rotary Club, community groups; U of I Master Gardeners; Audubon Society

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

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This initial year certainly raised awareness and created learning opportunities for Mundelein's Beautification Committee to make monarch butterfly conservation a focus area as they plan their key projects and initiatives for FY 2024.

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:

03/13/2023

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

Mayor's Monarch Pledge

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Mayoral Proclamation - 2023 Monarch Pledge.pdf

Host or support a monarch butterfly festival that is accessible to all residents in the community and promotes monarch and pollinator conservation, as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

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

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Spring Into Summer Family Fest 1.png

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How many estimated individuals attended the event? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field ((Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only), e.g. 500)

350

What was the date of your festival?

June 3, 2023

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

Mundelein Farmers Market, Mundelein Arts Commission, Lake County Forest Preserve, Mundelein Tool Library, SWALCO Recycling, Ace Hardware, Tighthead Brewery, School of Rock Entertainment, Mundelein Queens-Face Painting, Board of Trustees, Beautification Committee, Possibility Place Native Plant Nursery, Mayor.

Please describe the details of your monarch butterfly festival and how you ensured the event was accessible by all residents in the community (e.g., events, length, notable successes, outreach, location).

Mundelein's Beautification Committee in partnership with Tighthead Brewery has planned a family friendly Spring into Summer Festival on June 3 from Noon to 4 p.m. at Tighthead Brewery, 161 N. Archer Avenue. The Village participates in the National Wildlife Federation's "Mayor's Monarch Pledge" program to take actions to help save the Monarch butterfly and the Mayor Steve Lentz has proclaimed June 3 as "Mayor's Monarch Pledge Day" in Mundelein! The half day event will feature several children's activities, an expert presentation on native landscaping, great food and music, information booths, and plant and seed giveaways. "We're hoping this event will help to inform the community about the important work we're doing on the Beautification Committee and provide information on simple sustainability practices we can all implement to make a significant positive impact in our community and our world," explains Jenny Berman Ross, Mundelein Trustee. "We are very excited to welcome our keynote speaker, Kelsay Shaw who is the founder and owner of Possibility Place-a native plant nursery. Kelsay will explain the role of the monarch butterfly and other pollinators in our world. He is an excellent speaker with a vitally important message that we all need to hear," she adds. Event Highlights Include o Entertainment by School of Rock-Libertyville o Food Truck-The Karajo Chow Down o Kids' Activities-Paint-Your-Own flowerpot, face painting, butterfly photo screen, chalk art o FREE

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Milkweed Plant Giveaway-while supplies last…compliments of the Beautification Committee o FREE Marigold Seed Packets o FREE Compost Giveaway at the Mundelein Tool Library Exhibitor Booths o SWALCO o Lake County Forest Preserve District o University of Illinois Extension, and more! For exhibitor opportunities or more event information, call Tami Schafernak at 847-949-3223 or by email info@mundelein.org.

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 Mundelein Tool Library hosted a meeting with an educator from the Lake County Forest Preserve District. She talked about butterfly and moth habitat and native plants. Loch Lomond Garden Club has held programs on native plants and pollinator gardens. Village hosted the Spring into Summer Fest which included a speaker on butterfly habitat from Possibility Place Nursery, education about wildlife and plants in the area, and information about planting.

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

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

Spring Into Summer Family Fest.pdf

How many plants were sold and/or given away at your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

200 Milkweed plants were given away at the event

How many people attended your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

350

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

Tighthead Brewery, School of Rock in Libertyville, Ace Hardware, Lake County Forest Preserves, SWALCO, Lake and McHenry County Master Gardeners, Mundelein Arts Commission, and Lake County Board Member Jennifer Clark. There was a second event at the Mundelein Tool Library that day that included their Birthday Celebration and a Compost giveaway in partnership with SWALCO.

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Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.

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Pollinator Demonstration Garden at the Village Hall.JPG

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Poll Garden 2a.jpg

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Poll Garden 8.jpg

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)

There is a demonstration native garden located at 300 Plaza Circle, Mundelein IL 60060 at the NW corner of the Village Hall building. There is also a new pollinator garden at Courtland Commons. There are also demonstration gardens at each of the schools in District 75, these are used by the teaching staff and maintained by a combination of students, parent volunteers and staff members.

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

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The demonstration garden at Village Hall was completed with the support of local citizen volunteers.

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. Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

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Convert vacant lots to monarch habitat.

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Pollinator Demonstration Garden at the Village Hall.JPG

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Marigold Seeds for Mundelein (2).png

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Mundelein Monarch Pledge proof.pdf

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

This would be Courtland Commons - which could include the pond as well as the new pollinator garden.

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

Mundelein Community Connection, Mundelein Arts Commission and Mundelein Vernon Hills Rotary Club.

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.

The Village of Mundelein's pollinator project is multi-faceted, multi-staged project. The first stage was the installation of the storm water retention pond completed in 2022. This project solved a decades long flooding problem in Mundelein. The retention pond has evolved into a natural habitat for all kinds of birds, butterflies, and wildlife. The walking trail around the pond provides community access to view nature in the purest sense. The Courtland Commons Pollinator Garden, planted in 2023, is the second part of the project. Community groups assisted with planting all types of pollinator plants so that a small section of the overall project would be dedicated specifically to saving the monarch butterfly. The final stage of this project is now underway with a Summer 2024 completion date. This part of the project is a public gathering space-Courtland Commons. Mundelein plans to use this space for festivals, concerts, plays and other events. The area is intended to build community and foster an appreciation for nature and the outdoors.

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