Village of Lake in the Hills

Lake in the Hills, IL

Village President Raymond Bogdanowski

Pledge Summary

The Village of Lake in the Hills, Illinois is located in the far northwest suburbs of Chicago with a population of 28,982. Since 1952, Lake in the Hills has provided a high quality of life for its residents and businesses. The community is home to 34 parks, with the largest natural resource being the 240-acre Fen at Barbara Key Park. The Village's recreational programs focus on utilizing outdoor spaces to bring the community together throughout the year. Aligning with the Village's dedication to the preservation of our natural areas, Village President Ray Bogdanowski has demonstrated his commitment to creating or preserving pollinator habitats and educating citizens about how they can make a difference. With his signing of the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, he encourages Village residents and staff to take steps to increase the planting of milkweed and nectar plants to preserve and strengthen the monarch butterfly population.

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.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Village President Ray Bogdanowski	2026	4/27/2026	
Village President Ray Bogdanowski	2025	3/24/2025	Signatories
Village President Raymond Bogdanowski	2023	2/6/2023	Signatories
Village President Ray Bogdanowski	2022	3/22/2022	Signatories

Action Items

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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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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.)

4062 Adults (social media campaign)

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.

0

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 Garden

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

Social Media Campaign

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

Commitment to pollinator garden

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?

Hard to say, took over mid-year

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

Looking forward to reviewing the criteria to participate. Looking forward to continuing to promote this initiative.

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Selected Action Items

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

Pollinator Week - LITH website.jpg

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

Website and social media was used to promote Pollinator Week
https://www.lith.org/Home/Components/News/News/1187/117

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

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

None

How many plants were planted? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

0

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

Staff maintained the plants in the recently planted pollinator garden

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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

Sunset Park Pollinator Garden.jpg

How many garden signs are being displayed and where are they located? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

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

Following the installation of a pollinator garden, the Village of Lake in the Hills installed a sign describing the program and a listing of plants / flowers planted within the garden.

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