Village of Lake in the Hills

Lake in the Hills, IL

Village President Ray Bogdanowski

Pledge Summary

The Village of Lake in the Hills has taken this pledge annually for a number of years to promote awareness and value of pollinators to the community.

Action Items Committed for 2026

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.)
- Engage with city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

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

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

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.)

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). 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.

None that we are aware of

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?

To promote the need for pollinators throughout the community

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?

The website is a valuable resource for our program and to link the community to.

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

2026 was a transition year for us, we have a new communications coordinator and will look to increase our communications in 2027 and beyond.

Selected Action Items

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Mayors Monarch Pledge - kick off.pdf

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

Reminded people about the Mayor's Monarch Pledge through social media posts (Facebook and Instagram). The Village's Facebook page has 11,000+ followers and the Instagram page has 2,532 followers.

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Mayors Monarch Pledge - budget page.pdf

How many community organizations and groups participated? Please list them below.

2 groups - Village Administration and Public Works. During the annual budget process - when discussing replacement plantings, we did discuss the opportunity to increase native nectar plantings. As part of the budget process, and as the Assistant Village Administrator, the conversations had within the budget meetings result in actionable items. It was discussed to prioritize native nectar plantings when preparing for 2027 plantings.

Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and revisions/maintenance implemented for mowing or planting programs.

for 2027 consideration

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

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Mayors Monarch Pledge - support a native plant sale.1.pdf

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

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8000

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

300

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

We promoted an event hosted by the Wildflower Preservation and Propagation Committee on May 3, 2026. A follow up phone call identified that 300+ people attended and 8,000+ plants were sold. The 2027 information can be found here: https://www.thewppc.org/native-plant-sale-2/

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