Village of Johnsburg

Johnsburg, IL

Village President Edwin Hettermann

Pledge Summary

Village of Johnsburg is a beautiful, quaint, and bustling community, the Village of Johnsburg, Illinois welcomes all to the neighborhood, monarch's too for the 2nd annual year! There is something for everyone in our village. From gorgeous views along Pistakee Lake, amazing village parks for recreational activities, to afternoons laughing with friends and family in the backyard, our village is right where you want to be. With around 6,400 residents in the village, you have the opportunity to make great friendships and be part of a growing community. Our village is expanding economically and recreationally, but we'll never lose sight of our heritage, or give up our connection with nature or hometown values. Village President Edwin P. Hettermann and Trustee/Community Affairs Chair Beth Foreman has committed to saving the monarch butterfly and other pollinators with their signing of the Mayors' Monarch Pledge for the 2nd annual consecutive year and looks forward to engaging residents in building more pollinator habitat throughout the Village. Further improvements including discussion on "No Mow May" which adds to an environment-friendly practice that is on the rise in a move to help emerging insects and early season pollinators.

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.)
- Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- 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.
- 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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- Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Village President Edwin Hettermann	2026	3/23/2026	
Village President Edwin Hettermann	2025	2/19/2025	Signatories
Village President Edwin Hettermann	2024	2/20/2024	Leadership Circle
Village President Edwin Hettermann	2023	3/29/2023	Signatories
Village President Edwin Hettermann	2022	3/23/2022	Leadership Circle

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.).

1952

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.)

N/A

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.

2.25

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.

Village owned Property/Parcels; N Lake Dawnwood Drive & Sandalwood Lane.

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

Village is disseminating information via website; www.johnsburg.org

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

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The Village will continue to make improvements and motivating other organizations to collaborate and improve site location(s).

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 Land Conservancy of McHenry County, Environmental Defenders of McHenry County and Boone-Dutch Creeks Watershed Alliance have been most helpful.

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

Without milkweed, Monarchs can't complete their life cycle and populations plummet. The Village during the Fall season planted 20% increase of milkweed seeds. The seeds won't germinate until spring because they require natural freezing and thawing to soften the seed coat so that the embryo plant can grow.

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:

April 11, 2023

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

Mayor Monarch Pledge

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Mayor Monarch Pledge Proclamation.pdf

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.)

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

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The Monarch Pledge_ Bringing Butterflies to Johnsburg.pdf

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

Village of Johnsburg has completed printed material along with free seed packets to local residents for pickup and event functions; social media via Blogs, e-Blast, Facebook, Instagram, etc...and printed material available at Village Hall and Events in local area.

Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.

Please describe the groups you engaged with and how you engaged with these groups below.

Partner with the following organization and event functions to raise awareness McHenry Township, Johnsburg Public Library, The Land Conservancy of McHenry County and the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County. Collaboratively work on the approx. 2 acres with The Land Conservancy with planting and mowing efforts within the Village corporate boundaries.

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.

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Cert of Appreciation for Monarch_Env. Defenders of McHenry County.pdf

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

Five (5): 1. Village of Johnsburg, Community Affairs Parks & Facilities Committee 2. McHenry Township 3. Johnsburg Public Library 4. The Land Conservancy of McHenry County 5. Environmental Defenders of McHenry County

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

Village of Johnsburg, Community Affairs Parks & Facilities Committee monthly meetings and two annual park events for clean-up and maintenance. Quarterly efforts with planting, mowing and maintenance with the Land Conservancy of McHenry County. Annual check-in with establishing efforts with the McHenry Township, Johnsburg Public Library and Environmental Defenders of McHenry County. Recently received a Certificate of Appreciation for the Monarch Pledge outreach.

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Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.

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No Mow May Proclamation.pdf

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

Village of Johnsburg Community Affairs Committee, Ordinance Committee and Village President and Board of Trustees.

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

Complete

If this action is Complete, please include the date it was completed and share a 1-2 sentence description. Please include a copy of the policy by uploading or linking below.

Yes; April 11, 2023

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

In effect and will continue Proclamation Resolution for 2024.

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

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

Approx. 30lbs of Seeds provided in giveaways to residents, events and other opportunities with partnership to local residential properties.

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

250

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

The Village of Johnsburg Event Functions (Easter Egg Hunt, Celebration in the Park, etc...) and the Johnsburg School District 12 Expo.

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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.

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)

Village of Johnsburg Park (Parcel(s): 10-07-177-014, 10-07-177-015, 10-07-177-016 and 10-07-177-017). Commonly referred to as 1700 Block of Sandalwood Lane, Johnsburg, IL 60051

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

The Land Conservancy of McHenry County

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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