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 proposed 4th annual year! Approximately 7 miles from the Wisconsin border an easily accessible to both Milwaukee and Chicago, Johnsburg is highly sought out by those desiring a more rural lifestyle without sacrificing access to employment, shopping, dining and services. 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 Committee Chair Mike Fouke has committed to saving the monarch butterfly and other pollinators with their signing of the Mayors' Monarch Pledge for the 3rd annual consecutive year and looks forward to engaging residents in building more pollinator habitat throughout the Village. Further improvements including the resolution for "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 2025

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.
- 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

- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.
- Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants along roadsides, medians, or public rights-of-way.

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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.).

2000

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.)

150

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.

rights-of-way (ROW), roadsides, public spaces and common areas/parks

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

Advised Tuckaway Townhome Development regarding garden and native plantings

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

Ecological urgency (due to decline), community building, beautification, promoting local stewardship, supporting biodiversity/food systems, and creating tangible green spaces for

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residents.

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?

Would like to see funding assistance with seed cost and funding grants available for increasing habitats and more tangible green spaces for residents.

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

Continue to grow partnership, but would value some further assistance of native plantings and upkeep requirements

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:

February 4, 2025

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

Village of Johnsburg Proclamation Resolution - Monarch Pledge 2025

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Proclamation Resolution - Monarch Pledge.pdf

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.

Urged residents to plant native milkweeds and nectar plants supports declining monarch butterflies and other pollinators by providing essential food (nectar for adults, milkweed for caterpillars) and habitat, boosting local ecosystems, and preserving biodiversity, helping to counter habitat loss and pesticide impacts. Worked collaborative with HOA's, ComEd and expo events in area along with Village led functions providing Urging people to plant native milkweeds and nectar plants supports declining monarch butterflies and other pollinators by providing essential food (nectar for adults, milkweed for caterpillars) and habitat,

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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.

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

Proclamation Resolution - No Mow May.pdf

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

Village of Johnsburg Public Works Johnsburg Public Library McHenry Township The Land Conservancy of McHenry County McHenry County Conservation District

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

"No Mow May" is a conservation movement encouraging people to skip mowing lawns in May to provide food (flowers like dandelions, clover) and habitat for hungry pollinators emerging in early spring, sparking community talks about lawn care; engagement of local groups, and leads to revised public/private mowing/planting programs (native plantings and reduced pesticides) for year-round habitat.

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)

1700 Block of Sandalwood Ln & 4700 Block of Lake Dawnwood Dr (42.394819, -88.230215)

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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Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants along roadsides, medians, or public rights-of-way.

Where are the medians, roadsides and public rights-of-way? (Please provide an address or coordinates, if possible, or describe the location)

3801 Running Brook Farm Blvd 3700 N Richmond Rd 1700 & 1800 Block of Sunnyside Beach Dr 4700 Block of Lake Dawnwood Dr

How many milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants were planted? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

80

What is the total acreage of median and public right-of-way that has been planted with milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants? Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

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Please describe the maintenance schedule for these planted areas.

Maintained quarterly; good drainage, and water while young, then letting established natives thrive with minimal fuss, managing potential pests, and controlling spread.

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