Village of Lincolnwood

Lincolnwood, IL

Village President Jesal Patel

Pledge Summary

The Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois is a diverse community just north of Chicago, with a population of 13,463. The Village makes a proactive effort in promoting environmental care and enhancement of the natural environment. The Village has 13 different park facilities, one of which already contains several pollinator gardens, along with information on what residents can do to help promote the health and vitality of Monarchs and other pollinators. The Village has committed to addressing these environmental concerns through the implementation of a diverse planting program, and the establishment of additional pollinator gardens. Mayor Jesal Patel has committed to saving the Monarch Butterfly and other pollinators with his signing of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge.

Action Items Committed for 2022

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

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Village President Jesal Patel	2026	1/12/2026	
Village President Jesal Patel	2025	3/20/2025	Signatories
Village President Jesal Patel	2024	3/28/2024	Signatories
Village President Jesal Patel	2023	4/27/2023	Signatories
Village President Jesal Patel	2022	4/5/2022	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.).

20

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.)

The estimate is based upon the event we had in October of 2022. I would say 15 adults and 5 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.

0.3

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.

We have butterfly gardens along our Union Pacific Path that we continue to maintain and improve.

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

Through our Environmental Commission's Oaktoberfest we encourage planting of milkweed seeds and provide them for free to attendees.

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

Incorporation in the Village's draft sustainability plan and encouraging the public to improve habitat for pollinators.

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?

Any newsletter or articles relating to pollinators or techniques for creating butterfly gardens.

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

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We continue to maintain our butterfly garden and plant milkweed seeds throughout our Village parks when able.

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 19, 2022

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

Proclamation Regarding Monarch Butterflies

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Butterfly Proclamation.04.19.2022.pdf

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.

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

Four different community groups. Village's Public Works, Village's Village Managers Office, Village's Parks and Recreation Department, and the Village's Environmental Commission.

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

As part of the Environmental Commission's draft sustainability plan they have incorporated planting sustainable landscaping, adopting the Mayor's Monarch Pledge, and encouragement of planting pollinator gardens. The Environmental Commission also provided milkweed seeds to attendees at one of their events. The Village has also worked to maintain its public butterfly garden on the Union Pacific Trail which includes a large trail sign that increases awareness to users of the trail that about the butterfly garden.

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)

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We currently have a public trail called the Union Pacific Path that we have butterfly gardens. The nearest intersection to the gardens would be Pratt Avenue and North Lawndale Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712. The number of pollinators planted each year are to maintain the gardens, an estimated 50 plants were planted during 2022 maintenance.

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

50

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.

These gardens have a fall and spring clean-up along with weekly maintenance.

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