Village of Lincolnwood

Lincolnwood, IL

Village President Jesal Patel

Pledge Summary

Lincolnwood is a Village in the Chicago suburbs that has a rich history of volunteerism and commitment to its natural landscapes. The Village currently has a dedicated butterfly garden along one of its popular paths.

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.
- 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

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.)

estimated 50/50 split

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.

We currently are in the process of installing a butterfly/pollinator garden in a park we are renovating, Flowers Park.

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

We are promoting the Mayor's monarch pledge through our parks and trails that have butterfly gardens.

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

A dedicated responsibility to the environment, and monarchs.

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?

More information on strategies to engage the community.

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

We have maintained our butterfly gardens throughout the Village and have made efforts to incorporate them in projects when possible.

Selected Action Items

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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 24, 2023

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

Proclamation Regarding Monarch Butterflies

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Proclamation Monarch Butterfly.004.24.2023.pdf

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)

Flowers Park located at 4520 W Pratt Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712.

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

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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.

Routine weekly maintenance as part of the park's program. This project is in progress so i put an estimate for number of plants planted and acreage as it may slightly change.

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.

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Parks and Recreation along with Public Works and Public Input assisted with the improvements to Flowers Park that included the native plantings/pollinator/monarch garden.

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

Staff worked with the designer of the park to include proper drainage, and incorporate the landscape that is pollinator and butterfly friendly. Link to the project is below. https://www.lincolnwoodil.org/482/Flowers-Park-Renovation

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