Village of Lincolnwood

Lincolnwood, IL

Village President Jesal Patel

Pledge Summary

The Village of Lincolnwood is located approximately 10 miles north of downtown Chicago and serves as the gateway to Chicagoland's North Shore. It is an ethnically diverse community of 12,590 residents, with tree-lined streets, beautiful neighborhoods and parks, an excellent school system, and prosperous business community. The Village of Lincolnwood is a municipal corporation located in the County of Cook, Illinois. It is a full-service organization and has been incorporated for over 100 years. The Village is committed to improving the habitat for the Monarchs and furthering sustainability.

Action Items Committed for 2024

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.
- Engage with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning processes to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants along roadsides, medians, or public rights-of-way.
- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.
- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.

Systems Change

- Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals that are harmful to monarchs and pollinators and urban wildlife.

Past Pledge Archive

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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.)

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.

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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.

Village owned parks (2024 was Flowers Park) alogn with maintaince of our butterfly gardens on our Union Pacific Trail.

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

We utilize our proclamation and any educational information and provide that in our Village's communications.

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

Continued support of Monarchs and pollinators.

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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?

Case studies or examples of opportunities to build upon

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

We have continually tried to incorporate pollinators and native plants in our landscaping improvements and current planting beds.

Selected Action Items

Engage with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning processes to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.

Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and associated opportunities to create monarch habitat.

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:

March 19, 2024

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

Proclamation Monarch Butterfly

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

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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.

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

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

We have planted a native landscape section in our newly remodeled Village Park - Flowers Park that includes native plantings and plantings to assist with stormwater detention. We also landscaped the entrance to Public Works and planted native plants as well.

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)

Installation of a pollinator garden at our recently renovated Flowers Park, located at 4520 W Pratt Ave, Lincolnwood, Illinois.

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

320

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.

Continued use of staff to maintain the area along with the other pollinator beds.

Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals that are harmful to monarchs and pollinators and urban wildlife.

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

Public Works

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

In progress

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

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Staff has informally not used herbicides or pesticides in Village owned parks and natural areas. A formal policy is anticipated to be completed in Q1 or Q2 or 2025.

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)

4520 W Pratt Ave (Flowers Park) has a newly installed cultural pollinator garden and educational signage at the location.

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

Public stakeholders during public input session, Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works Department.

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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Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

How many garden signs are being displayed and where are they located? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

1

Please describe the educational information on the sign(s), and provide any links to externally purchased sign(s).

There is an educational sign at our newly renovated Flowers Park related to the cultural pollinator garden installed. It involves information regarding "Incorporates Species from Around the World in Correlation to the Diverse Community in Lincolnwood"

Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.

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

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

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How many plants were planted? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

60

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

We have butterfly gardens along our Union Pacific Path (attached is a screenshot from Google that shows the sign and path) that is a popular trail that is heavily utilized by residents and others in the community. It has signage designating the area as a butterfly garden. We have planted many packets of seeds (60oz) in the butterfly gardens to maintain and add to the existing butterfly gardens along the trail.

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