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 diverse community of 12,590 residents, with tree-lined streets, beautiful neighborhoods and parks, an excellent school system, and prosperous business community. The Village commitment to monarch's is strong through efforts to improve or create new native plantings and communications related to sustainable landscaping in the Village's parks, trails, and right of ways.

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 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.
- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

Systems Change

- 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 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

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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.)

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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 Parks and rights of way when possible.

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

No.

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

Continued support of Monarchs and 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 examples of what other communities are doing and educational information that can be provided at parks through signs.

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

As we replant or improve our parks, medians, or right of ways, we have tried to incorporate native plantings and when possible plantings that support pollinators.

Selected Action Items

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)

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

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.

Please describe the maintenance schedule for these planted areas.

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)

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

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 18, 2025

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

Proclamation for Monarch Butterfly

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Monarch Butterflies.03.18.2025.pdf

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

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

Community Development, Public Works, Environmental Commission, Residents

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.

We implemented a "No Mow 'til Mother's Day" initiative to support pollinators. This is an ongoing initiative in the community to allow residents to voluntarily delay mowing and spring cleans up to support pollinators and other environmental benefits. Below is a link to the program and with details. 2025 was the first year of this initiative. https://www.lincolnwoodil.org/618/No-Mow-til-Mothers-Day

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.

3 Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and Parks and Recreation Board (Resident volunteers).

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

Staff reviewed current mowing/pesticide practices and provided a recommendation to slightly adjust mowing programs throughout the Village's parks and right of way. While it has not been reviewed or approved by the Village Board as of yet, the Parks and Recreation Board provided a recommendation to move forward with maintaining current practices, with the understanding that Public Works and Parks may raise the mower height in trials areas to reduce weeds, and improve the turf areas.

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

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

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Public Works, Parks and Recreation

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

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Please describe your effort in completing this action.

We maintained our monarch gardens along our popular Union Pacific Path. Ensuring the gardens were well maintained and plantings were healthy.

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