

# Village of Ardsley

Ardsley, NY

Mayor Nancy Kaboolian

## Pledge Summary

The Village of Ardsley is located in Westchester County, New York and has a population of over 5,000 residents. The Village is committed to and already taken many actions to help the monarch butterfly including increasing public awareness of the issue and encouraging residents to build gardens for monarchs. The Village has launched the Ardsley Pollinator Pathway Project to help save endangered pollinators. The Village is aware of the importance of saving monarchs and other pollinators, and believes that encouraging the expansion of native plantings will not only benefit monarchs but all native species, as well as providing natural and beautiful spaces for Village residents.

## 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.
- Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods. (If you have community members who speak a language other than English, we encourage you to also communicate in that language; Champion Pledges must communicate in that language.)
- 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.
- Engage with gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters, other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.
- Engage with Homeowners Associations (HOAs), Community Associations or neighborhood organizations to identify opportunities to plant monarch gardens and revise maintenance and mowing programs.
- Create a community-driven educational conservation strategy, initiative, or practice that focuses on and benefits local, underserved residents.
- Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

### Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.

- Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.
- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.
- Launch or maintain an outdoor education program(s) (e.g., at schools, after-school programs, community centers and groups) that builds awareness and creates habitat by engaging students, educators, and the community in planting native milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants (i.e., National Wildlife Federation’s Schoolyard Habitats program and Monarch Mission curriculum).
- Host or support a monarch neighborhood challenge to engage neighborhoods and homeowners’ associations within the community to increase awareness, support community unity around a common mission, and/or create habitat for the monarch butterfly.
- Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.
- Convert vacant lots to monarch habitat.
- Earn or maintain recognition for being a wildlife-friendly city by participating in other wildlife and habitat conservation efforts (i.e., National Wildlife Federation’s Community Wildlife Habitat program).
- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.

## Systems Change

- Launch, expand, or continue an effort to change municipal planting ordinances and practices to include more native milkweed and native nectar producing plants at city properties.

## Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Steve Edelstein	2026	12/2/2025	
Mayor Nancy Kaboolian	2025	12/2/2024	Leadership Circle
Mayor Nancy Kaboolian	2024	12/1/2023	Leadership Circle
Mayor Nancy Kaboolian	2023	12/13/2022	Leadership Circle
Mayor Nancy Kaboolian	2022	4/11/2022	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 (e.g., 50).**

350

**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.” (Only allow numerical values.)

50 youth and 300 adults

**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).**

.5

**Where is your habitat being created? This may include residences (yards, containers, balconies, etc.), schools, places of worship, rights-of-way, roadsides, community gardens, culturally-significant locations, shared public spaces and common areas or parks.**

Private residences, Village of Ardsley property, Town of Greenburgh parks.

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

Not at the moment, we are just starting.

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

Ardsley is committed to preserving and supporting a healthy ecosystem. We have a very active Pollinator Pathway committed to "making significant change, one yard at a time", a garden club that is promoting natives, and a comprehensive plan that supports protecting our natural resources. Though the Mayors' Monarch Pledge focuses on monarchs we are taking a holistic view and supporting programs that support all pollinators. The monarchs' favorite nectar plants are essential for other pollinators and milkweed is a favorite of almost all pollinators. By taking this holistic approach we are helping monarchs and so much more. We are also engaging all age groups in this effort.

**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?**

NWF website, Xerces, local resources on native plants in Westchester, Monarch Resources, Pollinator Partnership

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

The Ardsley Pollinator Pathway has performed over 70 free garden consults for residents. In the detailed report that follows each consult milkweeds are featured and encouraged in the home landscape.

## Selected Action Items

**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.

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

**Engage with Homeowners Associations (HOAs), Community Associations or neighborhood organizations to identify opportunities to plant monarch gardens and revise maintenance and mowing programs.**

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

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

**Create a community-driven educational conservation strategy, initiative, or practice that focuses on and benefits local, underserved residents.**

Please describe the process to create the strategy , the strategy goals and content, and/or results of implementation. Please also identify who was engaged in this process, what partnerships were established, and how you engaged these groups. Provide a link, if possible.

**Host or support a monarch neighborhood challenge to engage neighborhoods and homeowners' associations within the community to increase awareness, support community unity around a common mission, and/or create habitat for the monarch butterfly.**

How many estimated individuals participated in your challenge? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field (e.g., 100).

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

When did this challenge take place?

What is the total acreage of habitat created? Please limit your answer to only the number of acres in the answer field below (e.g., 2 acres). For reference, 1 acre = 43,560 square feet and is about the size of a football field without the end zones.

Please describe your challenge and the results.

**Launch, expand, or continue an effort to change municipal planting ordinances and practices to include more native milkweed and native nectar producing plants at city properties.**

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

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

If this action is Complete, please include the date it was completed and share a 1-2 sentence description. Please include a copy of the policy by uploading or linking below.

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

**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:

10/17/2022

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

NOVEMBER-MONARCH BUTTERFLY MONTH PROCLAMATION

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

[october\\_17\\_2022\\_ardsley\\_village\\_board\\_of\\_trustees\\_meeting\\_minutes.pdf](#)

**Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods. (If you have community members who speak a language other than English, we encourage you to also communicate in that language; Champion Pledges must communicate in that language.)**

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

[Cross Pollination News November 2022.pdf](#)

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[Cross Pollination News September 2022.pdf](#)

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[Full to Part Sun Monarch Mailbox Gardens Step-by-Step.pdf](#)

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

[Invitation - Monarch butterfly activity -1.pdf](#)

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[Extract from Ardsley Connects November 2022.pdf](#)

**Please describe the methods of public communication below (e.g., printed materials, social media, print media).**

Ardsley Cross Pollination News: September article on Monarch migration and how to support monarchs during their journey; November newsletter devoted to monarch butterflies. Webpage for the Mayors' Monarch Pledge created on the Ardsley Pollinator Pathway website with information on how to help monarchs and resource links. (<https://www.ardsleypollinatorpathway.org/home/helping-pollinators/the-mayors-monarch-pledge>) The Ardsley Pollinator Pathway created a monarch mailbox garden guide to show residents how to create a monarch garden step-by-step to support monarchs. During the month of November the Village of Ardsley highlighted the need to support monarch butterflies in their weekly Ardsley Connects e-news to residents, and also advertised monarch related programs and tools. Held a community educational event at the Ardsley Library for kids on the life cycle of monarch and the importance of milkweeds November 8, 2022.

**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.**

Engaged with the Ardsley Garden Club to encourage adding milkweed plants to Ardsley public gardens. Swamp Milkweed and Butterfly Milkweed were added to existing public gardens during the spring and summer of 2022. The Ardsley Pollinator Pathway ([www.ardsleypollinatorpathway.org](http://www.ardsleypollinatorpathway.org)) was asked to spearhead monarch conservation actions and education as part of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge initiative. The Ardsley Pollinator Pathway partnered with the Town of Greenburgh to plan and install two pollinator

gardens. One at Anthony F. Veteran Park and the other at Hart's Brook Park and Preserve (see <https://www.ardsleypollinatorpathway.org/home/harmony> as an example).

**Engage with gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters , other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.**

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[Native Plant and Ecotypes Monthly Meeting and Invitees.pdf](#)

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

The Rivertowns Pollinator Pathways (Dobbs Ferry, Irvington, Tarrytown, Hastings-on-Hudson); The Ardsley Garden Club The Ardsley Pollinator Pathway chairs the Westchester County/Connecticut Native Plant/Ecotypes group, bringing leaders in the conservation, land preservation, and restoration movement together monthly to form partnerships to collect, grow and provide (for free or at low cost) local ecotypes (when possible) native plants for public pollinator gardens and ecological restoration projects. These efforts support monarch butterflies, other pollinators, birds, insects and wildlife. The attached document shows the organizations involved and the reach of this group. The Ardsley Pollinator Pathway, teaming with the Tarrytown Pollinator Pathway, partnered with Paul Feiner, Town of Greenburgh Supervisor, to support pollinators in the Town of Greenburgh, of which Ardsley is a member.

**Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and their monarch butterfly conservation efforts.**

The Ardsley Pollinator Pathway has partnered with other Rivertowns pollinator pathways on sharing information, programs, and resources to support pollinators, including monarchs, and to plant native plants. Ardsley has provided them with the monarch mailbox garden guide to provide to their members. The Westchester County/Connecticut Native Plant/Ecotypes group, works to coordinate efforts on invasive plant issues, deer management/lobbying, sharing resources to make native plants available and accessible to county residents, and to work on ways to communicate the urgency of planting native plants for all pollinators and birds, including monarchs.. These efforts support monarch butterflies, other pollinators, birds, insects and wildlife. On April 22, 2022 An Earth Day radio program was fully dedicated to educating listeners on the importance of native plants and planting pollinator gardens (see <https://www.ardsleypollinatorpathway.org/home/in-the-newsfor> the link to the April 22, 2022 program). The monarch and milkweeds was used as a prime example of the relationship that must be maintained between host plants and butterflies/moths and the importance of native host and nectar plants.

**Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.**

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[The Ardsley Girl Scout Conservation Badge Project.pdf](#)

**What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to host the event?**

Ardsley Girl Scouts, Ardsley Public Library

**How many individuals were engaged in this effort? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field (e.g., 50).**

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**Please describe the community art project that was implemented in your community and how it contributed to cultural awareness and recognition (e.g., number of art installations, type of art).**

Ardsley Girl Scouts (November 7, 2022). Goals: • Understand how to help save monarch butterflies through habitat restoration and reduced pesticide use in our yards • Learn about the connection between native plants and the survival of butterflies and moths by planting specific native host plants • Recognize the need for nectar plants and hosts plants in our yards • Identify ways to take action to save the monarch and pollinators on our properties  
Completion of a craft activity where the girls made a butterfly and drew their favorite native plants (from pictures supplied) that they wanted their butterfly to use as a host or nectar plant. Ardsley Library Monarch Butterfly Event (November 8, 2022): Part 1: Read from Monarch Butterflies by Ann Hobbie; Part 2: Show and tell about milkweeds that can grow in Ardsley and why they are important; Part 3: Created a paper sculpture of a milkweed plant and created and attach the egg, caterpillar, monarch butterfly and milkweed flower on the sculpture.

**Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.**

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

[2022 Plant and Seed swaps.pdf](#)

**How many plants were sold and/or given away at your event?**

Seeds: Thousands of native plant seeds. Plants: between 100 - 150 native plants were swapped

**How many people attended your event?**

150

**What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to host the event?**

The Ardsley Pollinator Pathway; The Ardsley Climate Advisory Committee

**Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.**

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

[Be A Milkweed Champion and Help Save Our Monarchs.pdf](#)

**How many people attended your event?**

50

**What species were collected or propagated?**

Collected: Common Milkweed, Swamp Milkweed, Butterfly Milkweed from private gardens;  
Propagation: Swamp Milkweed, Butterfly Milkweed, Common Milkweed, Showy Milkweed, Green Milkweed, Purple Milkweed, Poke Milkweed, Whorled Milkweed

**What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to host the event?**

Ardsley Pollinator Pathway

**Please describe the milkweed seed collection and propagation effort that you hosted.**

Residents were encouraged to collect milkweed seeds in their gardens (education webinar was provided in November 2021 - see event section at <https://www.ardsleypollinatorpathway.org/home/helping-pollinators/ardsley-cross-pollination-news>. Abundant milkweed seeds were available at the December seed swap as well as the June plant swap. Members of the Ardsley Pollinator Steering Committee grew all the milkweeds listed above from seed to be planted in public gardens during the summer/fall of 2022 (Ardsley Library Pollinator Gardens, Greenburgh AFV Pollinator Garden, Harts Brook Park and Preserve Pollinator Garden). An Adopt a Milkweed program was established in November 2022.

**Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.**

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

[Thank You to Volunteers.pdf](#)

**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)**

The Ardsley Garden Club and Ardsley Pollinator Pathway planted butterfly milkweeds, showy milkweeds, and swamp milkweeds in the Ardsley Public Library pollinator gardens during the spring, summer and fall of 2022. There are three pollinator gardens at the library site. A new demonstration pollinator garden featuring only native plants was installed April, 2022. Address: 9 American Legion Dr, Ardsley, NY 10502

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

Ardsley Pollinator Pathway, Ardsley Garden Club, Ardsley Scouts, Village of Ardsley DPW, Ardsley Cares Committee and volunteers, staff of the Ardsley Public Library.

**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.**

0.01

**Convert vacant lots to monarch habitat.**

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

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

[AFV thank you.pdf](#)

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**Where is the monarch habitat located? (Please provide an address, if possible)**

The pollinator garden is located at a prominent spot at the Anthony F. Veteran Park, which sits on the border of Ardsley and the Town of Greenburgh (11 Olympic Ln, Hartsdale, NY 10530). (

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

The Town of Greenburgh Supervisor, the Town of Greenburgh Department of Parks and Recreation, The Ardsley Pollinator Pathway, the National Audubon Society Bronx River/Sound Shore Chapter, the Tarrytown Pollinator Pathway. More partners listed in the attached 'thank you'.

**What is the total acreage of land that has been converted? Please limit your answer to only the number of acres in the answer field below (e.g., 2 acres). For reference, 1 acre = 43,560 square feet and is about the size of a football field without the end zones.**

0.030

**How many lots were converted to monarch habitat? Please limit your answer to only the number of lots in the answer field below (e.g., 3)**

1

**Please describe when the lots were converted to monarch habitat and the planned maintenance schedule.**

The Ardsley Pollinator Pathway and Tarrytown Pollinator Pathway approached the Town of Greenburgh (of which Ardsley and Tarrytown are members) to install pollinator demonstration gardens featuring native plants. Milkweeds were a key design feature in the gardens, as were other host plants. One of the sites offered was an eyesore traffic peninsula (see before pictures in attachment). It is a location that gets thousands of passerby's and is located outside the administrative offices of the Greenburgh Parks and Recreation department. The site was an eyesore with no ecological value. In May of 2022 volunteers arrived to turn the vacant area into a pollinator paradise. A team of 14 dedicated and passionate volunteers tend the garden weekly during the growing season.

**Launch or maintain an outdoor education program(s) (e.g., at schools, after-school programs, community centers and groups) that builds awareness and creates habitat by engaging students, educators, and the community in planting native milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Schoolyard Habitats program and Monarch Mission curriculum).**

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[Pictures of outdoor educational event.pdf](#)

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**What program was launched or maintained to complete this effort? If you are involved with another National Wildlife Federation program, please mention that below. (Please include a link to the program, if possible)**

Held a community native pollinator garden installation event in April, 2022 and taught kids and adults how to sheet compost to create healthy soil and new pollinator gardens without digging. Explained the plants selected, how they help pollinators and how to plant them. As part of Ardsley Cares Day (October 29, 2022) student volunteers from Ardsley High School and adult volunteers from the Ardsley Pollinator Pathway learned how to sheet mulch space at the Greenburgh Nature Center for a pollinator native meadow installation during spring of 2023 and then performed the sheet mulching for the new meadow. This education event occurred on Ardsley Cares Day (October 29, 2022)

**How many schools, community groups, leaders, or centers were engaged in this effort? How many of these collaborations and partnerships are "new"?**

4

**Please list the names of the schools you are working with.**

Ardsley High School

**What resources, if any, are you providing to educators?**

Ardsley Pollinator Pathway expertise and references

**How many students and educators would you estimate are being reached? Please limit your answer to only number of adults and youths engaged in the answer field (e.g., 200 students and 20 educators).**

20

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

The Greenburgh Nature Center, the Ardsley Cares Committee (a PTA initiative), the Ardsley Pollinator Pathway, The Ardsley High School Environmental Task Force Club

**How many acres of monarch and pollinator habitat have been planted through this effort? 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.**

0.03

**What is the maintenance schedule to ensure planted habitat is maintained?**

There is an assigned maintenance team of 10 people for the Ardsley pollinator garden. The Greenburgh Nature Center will maintain the meadow.

**Earn or maintain recognition for being a wildlife-friendly city by participating in other wildlife and habitat conservation efforts (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat program).**

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

[October 2022 Ardsley Arbor Day Planting of Native Trees in Pascone Park.pdf](#)

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

Healthy Yards, Westchester; Westchester Pollinators, Hastings-on-Hudson Pollinator Pathway, Arbor Day Foundation, Ardsley DPW.

**What program was launched or maintained to complete this effort? (Please include a link to the program, if possible)**

Ardsley launched an Ardsley Pollinator Pathway organization initiative as a Village committee (<https://www.ardsleypollinatorpathway.org/home>). Ardsley applied to be a Tree City USA. All application requirements were completed by December, 2022.

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

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[Anthony F Veteran Park Garden Design 3.0.pdf](#)

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[AFV thank you.pdf](#)

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[Harts Brook Thank You.pdf](#)

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[Harts Brook Milkweed Garden Design 2.0.pdf](#)

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

Town of Greenburgh Supervisor, Town of Greenburgh Parks and Recreation, Audubon Bronx River/Sound Shore Chapter, Tarrytown Pollinator Pathway, Westchester Pollinators, Healthy Yards, Hilltop Hanover Farm, The Ardsley Pollinator Pathway, Cornell Extension, Ardsley Scouts, Ardsley Public Library.

**How many plants were planted?**

250

**Please describe your effort in completing this action.**

Three new demonstration pollinator gardens, all featuring milkweeds and other host plants, were installed during April and May of 2022. Three parks hosted these gardens: The Ardsley Public Library, The Antony F. Veteran Park and The Harts Brook Park and Preserve. This was a huge effort involving many partners. Native perennial plants and shrubs were used as well as pollinator favorite annuals (marigolds, cosmos, zinnias). The two thank you documents attached, as well as the garden designs explain the collaboration and focus of these gardens.

**Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.**

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

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**What is the total acreage of land treated to remove invasive plants?**

.01

**Please describe the extent of revisions or maintenance to invasive species removal programs, as well as the practices or techniques used to remove the invasive plants.**

Ardsley partnered with the Westchester Parks Foundation to arrange an invasive plant removal event on April 9, 2022. Volunteers used loppers to cut invasive vines and vegetation. The Ardsley Pollinator Pathway partnered with the Dobbs Ferry Pollinator Pathway, the Hastings-on-Hudson Pollinator Pathway and the Saw Mill Coalition for an invasive vine cutting event on February 19, 2022 for residents 12 years and above. The focus was cutting invasive porcelainberry and bittersweet vines from native trees. The Ardsley Pollinator Pathway performs free garden consultations for residents (50 were performed in 2022). During the consultation homeowners are taught about the invasive plants on their property, how to manage them, and the problems with letting them get established. The importance of removal and replacement with natives is a priority emphasis.

## **Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.**

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

[Pollinator sign.jpg](#)

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

[Signs for AFV.pdf](#)

**How many garden signs are being displayed and where are they located?**

2

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

Budget constraints led to innovation. Our grant funds were spent on native plant purchases and supplies and so we needed to create homemade signs made out of discarded materials that provide a link to a webpage that offers more information. As of November 30, 2022, two signs have been installed at our pollinator gardens and webpages for each designed and active. Harts Brook Garden webpage:

<https://www.ardsleypollinatorpathway.org/home/harmony> AFV Garden webpage:

<https://www.ardsleypollinatorpathway.org/home/afv> The webpage describes the gardens and lists all the plants in the garden, including their growing requirements and what specific

pollinators/birds that rely upon them. Anthony F. Veteran Park (11 Olympic Ln, Hartsdale, NY 10530), Hart's Brook Park and Preserve (156 Ridge Rd, Hartsdale, NY 10530)