# Village of Larchmont

Larchmont, NY

Mayor Lorraine Walsh

## Pledge Summary

Larchmont Village is located in Westchester County, NY. The population of the Village was at 6630 as of the 2020 census. Larchmont has a total of 7 municipal parks and 1 privately-held, public park. The Village of Larchmont recently passed a native plants and trees resolution to encourage the planting of more native species on municipal grounds. By signing this pledge we look forward to engaging our local residents in creating more pollinator habitats throughout the Village.

## Action Items Committed for 2022

### Communications and Convening

- 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.)

### Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.

## Past Pledge Archive

| Mayor Name | Program Year | Pledge Date | Achievement |
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| Mayor Sarah Bauer | 2026 | 4/30/2026 | |
| Mayor Sarah Bauer | 2025 | 3/12/2025 | Signatories |
| Mayor Sarah Bauer | 2024 | 3/25/2024 | Signatories |
| Mayor Sarah Bauer | 2023 | 3/20/2023 | Signatories |
| Mayor Lorraine Walsh | 2022 | 4/19/2022 | 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**

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**number of individuals reached in the answer field below (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only.).**

500

**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.)**

225 youth and 275 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). Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.**

0.01

**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.**

The habitat has been planted formally in Constitution Park, Kane Park, and Addison Park. Informally, the giveaways from this past year have led to hundred of mini habitats being planted throughout the community in yards, containers, and balconies of residences and businesses in the community.

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

We advertise through social media and community newsletters, as well as perform outreach to schools and other regional organizations, to ensure this information can be reached by all populations.

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

Larchmont has a rich history of environmental action and conservation. The Larchmont-Mamaroneck Pollinator Pathways and Larchmont Environmental Committee are very active in organizing community events and bringing action through local organizations and the Village of Larchmont when it comes to initiatives such as the Mayors' Monarch Pledge.

**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?**

We'd be interested in getting milkweed/pollinator seed kits or plantings to provide to a wider range of community groups, aside from the environmentally-focused and government

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organizations. Also, materials for schools would be great to share as well!

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

All the events and hard work cannot have been performed without the dedication, hard work, and volunteerism of residents of Larchmont and Mamaroneck, who are committed to promoting pollinator conservation and education to the entire Larchmont and Mamaroneck Community.

## Selected Action Items

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

**How many plants were sold and/or given away at your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)**

In 2022, Larchmont-Mamaroneck Pollinator Pathways hosted or engaged in the following events: Earth Day (4/23/22), LMPP Garden Tour (6/26/22), Famers Market (5/14/22. 7/16/22. and 7/30/22), Larchmont Day (9/17/22), Native Plant Sale and Pollinator Festival (9/24/22), and Mamaroneck Repair Cafe 22 (10/16/22, co-sponsored by Village of Larchmont, Town of Mamaroneck, and Larchmont Environmental Committee). Total of 275 plants were grown and given away by LMPP across all events in 2022, excluding Farmer's Market. Approx. 75 of these were milkweed plants. LMPP gave out 100+ monarch seed packets. Additionally, 250 plants were sold by Emily Rauch from Hilltop Hanover Farm (Nursery recommended by LMPP) at the Pollinator Festival / Native Plant Sale. 100+ plants given away at the Native Plant Sale.

**How many people attended your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)**

200

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

Larchmont-Mamaroneck Pollinator Pathways hosted, with support from Larchmont Environmental Committee, Larchmont-Mamaroneck Healthy Yards, and Larchmont Parks & Trees Committee.

### 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.)

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LMPP2022flyerRevised short.jpg

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Larchmont Native Plant and Pollinator Festival Ad (2).jpg

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

Communication was done via flyers shared on the Larchmont Mamaroneck Pollinator Pathways website, the websites and newsletters of other community groups (Village of Larchmont, Larchmont Chamber of Commerce / Love Larchmont, Friends of Larchmont Parks, Town of Mamaroneck, Larchmont Environmental Committee, etc.). Announcements were also made by Larchmont Village Board at Village Board Meetings, either by Mayor Lorraine Walsh or by Trustee Dana Post.

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

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**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)**

On the day of the Native Plant and Pollinator Festival, Village Trustee Dana Post planted swamp milkweed which is perfect as a host for monarch caterpillars. Monarchs need milkweed to reproduce. 3X5 was given by Glenna as the approximate size. In addition, Parks and Trees committees have planted native plants in Kane Park and at the front of Addison Park. These plants and shrubs provide habitat and food for monarchs in the butterfly stage (as opposed to the milkweed, which is required for reproduction, as it is the monarch caterpillar's designated food source.) Monarchs sip nectar at a wide variety of native plant species. The non-use of pesticides in VOL parks means the butterflies and caterpillars are protected in this habitat from these toxic chemicals. The Demonstration Garden is at Constitution Park, 120 Larchmont Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538. Kane Park is at 2214 Boston Post Road, and Addison Park is at 37 Chatsworth Avenue.

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

Not quite sure of the meaning of this question, but the above described food sources and habitat are necessary for the survival of the beautiful monarch as it migrates south to Mexico and back up to the Northeast across 5 or 6 generations. The Pollinator Pathway Northeast aims to create more and more acreage of public and private land with no pesticides, native plants trees and shrubs, and plenty of milkweed, to replace the monarch habitat lost to development and pesticide and herbicide use. Please note that in 2022, Larchmont residents with pollinator gardens (such as those shown on the tour) also increased the square footage, milkweed and native plantings on their properties. This also serves to educate and inspire the public, as they visit on the public PG Tour, which is well promoted around the village and cross-promoted by LEC, etc. Kevin has also put a lot of time into filling out the MMP questionnaire for the TOM. The MMP website is not without its quirks, and I don't think anyone was expecting the simple reporting of the very substantial work all our committees put into the events fulfilling the MMP (for both VOL and TOM) to be so time-consuming and onerous. There are some aspects of our work that are not covered in your questions above; for example, the number of people reached by the social media postings mentioned by Sasha, plus VOL/LEC blasts (and TOM newsletter, website and blasts for TOM).

**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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