Village of Seville

Seville, OH

President of Council, Village Council, Village of Seville Kathy Rhoads

Pledge Summary

The Village of Seville is located in Northeastern Ohio, in the south-central quadrant of Medina County. The community is approximately 40 miles from Cleveland and 20 miles from Akron. Communities within 30 Miles of the Village of Seville. Interstate 71 and Interstate 76 provide convenient access. State Route 3 is a major north-south arterial that links Seville north to the City of Medina and Cleveland, and south to Wooster and beyond. Much of the development attraction within the Village of Seville can be attributed to the area's accessibility to many of the region's employment centers, cultural facilities and major retail businesses. In addition, the Village has a scenic landscape that combines scenic farmland with a quaint small town. Open Space or parkland within the Village consists of five parks: Cy Hewit Park, Leohr Park; Memorial Park, Stanhope Park and Freeman Park. These five parks represent 4.32% of the Village's land area (70.9 acres). As part of our parkland, Seville has just under 2 miles of walking and biking trails. We are actively pursuing expanding the Village trail systems. The Village of Seville, Parks and Streets Department takes conservation and pollination into consideration with all decisions. We have been active participants of the Mayor's Monarch Challenge in previous years and have reported on numerous successes, including extensive milk week seeding and planting, as well as creation and maintenance of multiple pollinator flower beds. We have created a show garden in downtown Seville with signage that identifies the pollinator plants and explains how they support monarch and pollinator conservation.

Action Items Committed for 2021

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

Program and Demonstration Gardens

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

Systems Change

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- Remove milkweed from the list of noxious plants in city weed / landscaping ordinances (if applicable).

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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.)

15 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.

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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.

Central Triangle Park - Maria Stanhope Park. A pollinator garden was created with an associated art display. This adds to the significant areas created in previous years.

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

We are a small community and do not have any specific outreach for the low income communities or communities of color that are associated with the Mayors Monarch program.

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

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Our streets and parks department and committees are committed to conservation and sustainability. The Mayors' Monarch Pledge gives us a focus for efforts related to conservation and sustainability.

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?

I will need to take stock in the coming year and determine if our commitment to the Mayors' Monarch pledge is sustainable in 2022. We focused on many areas this year and have let our activity toward the Mayors' Monarch Pledge slip below the standards of previous years.

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

This was a tougher year for our Monarch efforts --- the progress was not what I hoped for last January.

Selected Action Items

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?

The Village of Seville Streets and Parks Department continues to propagate pollinator areas that include Milkweed.

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

The streets and parks department gathers seed pods from previous plantings and boardcasts over a large acreage dedicated to sustaining the polinators. We have specific Gardens in Maria Stanhope, Leohr Park and a downtown pollinator garden that is in it's 3rd season.

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

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

We had a local graphic artist volunteer to complete an art installation to go inside the Maria Stanhope Pollinator area. Unfortunately he was unable to meet that commitment due to a change in his personal life. We are following up with our local school district and plan to run

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a contest or some sort of opportunity for youth artist to contribute. The art display is up and can be used once content is obtained.

How many individuals were engaged in this effort? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only, 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).

As we were not able to complete as planned we hope that we can reach many others through the contest with the local school.

Remove milkweed from the list of noxious plants in city weed / landscaping ordinances (if applicable).

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

Seville Zoning Board

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

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

We will need to set a new target date in 2022.

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.

Seville Streets and Parks Department.

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

The program is ongoing and is in it's 3rd or 4th year. It has been incorporated as Standard Operating Procedure.

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Date of Proclamation:

No date as of yet. This action did not get the attention it needed in 2021.

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