Village of La Grange

La Grange, IL

President Mark Kuchler

Pledge Summary

The Village of La Grange (pop. 16,321) is a vibrant community supported by excellent Police, Fire, Public Works, Community Development, Finance and Administrative services. With walkable and charming neighborhoods, a robust downtown, over 50 diverse restaurants, numerous independent and national retailers, and a convenient location at the crossroads of La Grange Road, Ogden Avenue, and the Metra BNSF line, La Grange is a destination for food, fun, and entertainment in the western suburbs of Chicago. President Kuchler and the La Grange Village Board support the Mayor's Monarch Pledge and together with community partners will work towards creating more pollinator habitat throughout the Village.

Action Items Committed for 2023

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.)

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- 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.
- 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.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
President Mark Kuchler	2026	12/8/2025	
President Mark Kuchler	2025	3/17/2025	Signatories
President Mark Kuchler	2024	12/1/2023	Signatories

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President Mark Kuchler	2023	3/20/2023	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.)

40 Adults 10 youth

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.

Residences

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

Margainialized communities will remain a target for inclusion as the Mayors Monarch Pledge program becomes more mature.

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

Provides a framework for measuring and communicating a goal that aligns with our greenest region compact goals

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?

Website has been helpful when resources were needed.

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

New Program still being incorporated into the numerous community events we do in support of sustainable living.

Selected Action Items

Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

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

What species were collected or propagated?

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

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

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 13, 2023

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

A Mayor's Monarch Pledge

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

2- A Mayor's Monarch Pledge.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.

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

Sunday July 23, 2023 hosted a native plant tour in La Grange, IL.

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.

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

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

Environmental Quality Commission

When did this challenge take place?

July 23, 2023

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. Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

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Please describe your challenge and the results.

La Grange Hosts a native plant tour that includes promoting gardens and gardening in the Village and highlight those with native plants, pollinators, and Monarch habitat. We will continue to include the monarch pledge into this and similar events.

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)

Village Hall, Train Station

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

Environmental Quality Commission, La Grange Gardening Club, Village Administration, Boy Scouts of America

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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