Village of Homer Glen

Homer Glen, IL

Mayor Christina Neitzke-Troike

Pledge Summary

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.

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
Mayor Christina Neitzke-Troike	2026	3/2/2026	
Mayor Christina Neitzke-Troike	2025	2/19/2025	Signatories
Mayor Christina Neitzke-Troike	2024	3/15/2024	Signatories
Mayor George Yukich	2023	4/3/2023	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.).

2400

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.)

400

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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.

Public parks, utility ROW, private residences, private businesses

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

We are able to fund Milkweed seed and tree seedling giveaways so residents do not have to pay for these materials.

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

Environmental stewardship is a founding principle for the Village of Homer Glen and since incorporation we have continued to these efforts, many of which align with the Mayors Monarch pledge. We had been funding milkweed see handouts with another community organization where we were introduced to this 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?

Email updates have been the most helpful. Now that our Environment Committee is more active on social media, I will be looking for other sharable resources and information to post.

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

The Village of Homer Glen recently had an election and we unfortunately no longer have an elected official on our Environment Committee to champion our efforts. Additionally, we had Village staffing issues in the late spring early summer where I was not able to dedicate as much time to Environment Committee duties and events and I would have liked.

Selected Action Items

Issue a proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat. This proclamation must

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incorporate a focus on monarch conservation.

Date of Proclamation:

April 23, 2025

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

A Proclamation Dedicating May 2025 as Mayors' Monarch Month

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

2025 Mayor Monarch Month Proclamation.pdf

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.

Monarch Flyer.pdf

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

Seedling Event Flyer.pdf

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

Green and Cream Tree Planting Event Poster (2).png

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

Around 300 packets of milkweed seeds, 400 native tree seedlings, and around 50 starters for herbs, vegetables and flower

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

300

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

Village of Homer Glen, The Homer Glen Junior Women's Club, National Wildlife Federation Trees for Wildlife

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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.

Seedling Event Flyer.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)

Village of Homer Glen Village Hall at Heritage Park, 14240 W 151st Street; We has restored 40 acres of golf course in to a native prairie a this park, so it is most fitting that any additional pollinator plantings be added to a more accessible area in the active core of this park.

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

Homer Glen Environment Committee, Homer Glen Park Staff, and Homer Glen Junior Women's Club

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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