

Village of Oak Park

Oak Park, IL

President Vicki Scaman

Pledge Summary

The Village of Oak Park is doing its part to help save the monarch butterfly, an iconic North American species whose populations have declined dramatically in recent years. Village officials have joined hundreds of communities across the country in a pledge to create a healthy habitat that will aid monarch butterflies on their annual migration across the continent. In addition to issuing a proclamation to raise awareness of the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat, the Village plants native milkweed and nectar plants on public properties when appropriate across the community, including traffic diverters, cul-de-sacs, medians and planters. The Village's Public Works Center is also home to a certified Monarch butterfly waystation. According to the National Wildlife Federation, monarch butterflies numbered around 1 billion in 1996. Today, their numbers have declined significantly as a result of numerous threats, particularly the loss of habitat due to cropland conversion, urban development, and agricultural practices.

Action Items Committed for 2026

Past Pledge Archive

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| President Vicki Scaman | 2026 | 3/27/2026 | |
| Village President Vicki Scaman | 2025 | 3/7/2025 | Signatories |
| President Vicki Scaman | 2024 | 3/15/2024 | Signatories |
| President Vicki Scaman | 2023 | 4/28/2023 | Leadership Circle |

Action Items

Selected Action Items