Village of Willowbrook

Willowbrook, IL

Mayor Frank Trilla

Pledge Summary

Willowbrook is a Village within the Chicagoland area, a southwestern suburb of the City of Chicago, with a population just over 9,000. The Village is located within DuPage County and is home to many parks and public greenspace, many of our Village parks are undergoing redevelopment which will see the installation of several features that will help increase the monarch butterfly population. Mayor Trilla has committed to helping save monarch butterflys and other pollinators with his signing of the Mayors' Monarch Pledge and looks forward to engaging residents in building more pollinator habitat throughout the City.

Action Items Committed for 2024

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.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

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

Systems Change

- Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Frank Trilla	2026	3/18/2026	
Mayor Frank Trilla	2025	3/12/2025	Signatories
Mayor Frank Trilla	2024	2/22/2024	Signatories

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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.).

9000

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.)

1440

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.

.5

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.

Parks, community gardens, right of ways, and shared public spaces.

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

We are advertising the various improvements we have made across the Village and encouraging all members of our community to take an active and engaging role in the various redevelopment projects we have planned across the Village.

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

We figured it would be a great sustainable addition to the planned park redevelopment projects. We realize the natural significance of our parks and figured they could be redeveloped in ways that improves our local monarch population.

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?

Regional planting lists have been of the most use so far. I would love to see more state specific planting guides because of the climate and ecological differences between

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northern and southern Illinois.

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

Our application details projects that we have completed this current fiscal year (5/1/23 - 4/30/24) and the upcoming fiscal year (5/1/24 - 4/30/25).

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 incorporate a focus on monarch conservation.

Date of Proclamation:

March 11, 2024

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

Village of Willowbrook - Mayors Monarch Pledge Proclamation

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

5.d. 2024 Monarch Pledge Proclamation.pdf

Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.

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

Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) - Effective 01.23.2023.pdf

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

Village of Willowbrook Plan Commission, Board of Trustees, Village Administrator's Office, Community Development Department, and Public Works Department.

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

Complete

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If this action is Complete, please include the date it was completed and share a 1-2 sentence description. Please include a copy of the policy by uploading or linking below.

January 1, 2023.

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2023-0510 - Midway and Borse Park_Precedent Imagery Boards.pdf

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Midway Park Landscape Plant Detail.pdf

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Monarch plant listing.PNG

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

Monarch Butterfly Nectar Plants Guide.pdf

How many community organizations and groups participated? Please list them below.

Village of Willowbrook Board of Trustees, Village Administrator's Office, Parks & Recreation, and Public Works Department.

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

While creating various park redevelopment project plans (Borse, Midway, Creekside, Farmingdale Terrace, etc.), native planting programs has been prioritized as part of all projects.

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

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

N/A, community gardens are a planned project for the upcoming fiscal year as part of our Farmingdale Terrace Park Redevelopment Project

How many plants were planted? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

20

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

Planned redevelopment project for the upcoming fiscal year. We are currently soliciting bids for the project that includes plans for a community garden. The file is too large to attach but the bid set can be viewed here: https://www.willowbrookil.org/DocumentCenter/View/3302/Creekside-Park-and-Farmingdale-Park-Renovations---Specifications-and-Bid-Set

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