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 Village.

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

- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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

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.)

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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 park

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

Creating pollinator friendly spaces in public parks that are open and available to all.

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

Sustainability and environmental conservations are priorities of our Village Board of Trustees.

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 northern and southern Illinois.

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

We were hoping to have our Borse Park Phase III project completed in October 2025, this is where our pollinator garden is located. However, due to various construction delays, our project will now be completed in April 2026. So that is why I will have some partial incomplete information.

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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:

04/14/25

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

Monarch Pledge Proclamation

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

6.f. 2025 Monarch Pledge Proclamation.pdf

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.

Borse Phase III - Pollinator Garden.png

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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)

Borse Community Park, our largest park in the Village (208 Midway Dr, Willowbrook IL 60527). The pollinator garden is going to be to the south/southwest of the playground . There will be a little path for people to walk through before they get to the playground area. In addition, all of the native plantings that we did for the shoreline restoration around the creek are also pollinator plants. That corner is just under an acre so I would guess all the restoration work would be around quarter of an acre. I attached the plant list so they can see all the pollinator plants that were planted in the area. In addition, the south side of Midway Park got planted again this fall with plugs and seed to help that pollinator garden that did not grow last year. That area is about a ¼ acre.

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

None, though we expect to work with schools and girl/boy scouts groups on programming once the project is completed.

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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Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

How many garden signs are being displayed and where are they located? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

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Please describe the educational information on the sign(s), and provide any links to externally purchased sign(s).

As aforementioned, we were hoping to have signage installed by October but due to project delay, the signs will be installed in March 2026. I am happy to provide information on the final signs once installed.

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