

# Village of Schaumburg

Schaumburg, IL

Village President Tom Dailly

## Pledge Summary

The Village of Schaumburg is located about 20 miles northwest of the City of Chicago having a population of about 75,000 people. Schaumburg is the largest center of economic development in the State of Illinois, outside the City of Chicago. The Village has committed to the preservation of the Monarch butterfly by incorporating meaningful opportunities to support the Monarch in local codes, policies and procedures. The Village enjoys a partnership with the Schaumburg Park District and many residents who support these initiatives.

## Action Items Committed for 2021

### 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.)
- Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- Engage with gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters, other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.
- Engage with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning processes to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.

### 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.
- Launch or maintain an outdoor education program(s) (e.g., at schools, after-school programs, community centers and groups) that builds awareness and creates habitat by engaging students, educators, and the community in planting native milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Schoolyard Habitats program and Monarch Mission curriculum).
- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.

### Systems Change

- Remove milkweed from the list of noxious plants in city weed / landscaping ordinances (if applicable).
- Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.

- Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.
- Launch, expand, or continue an effort to change municipal planting ordinances and practices to include more native milkweed and native nectar producing plants at city properties.
- Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city's Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.
- Launch, expand, or continue one or more ordinances to reduce light pollution to benefit urban wildlife.

## Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Village President Tom Dailly	2023	3/31/2023	
Village President Tom Dailly	2022	3/24/2022	
Village President Tom Dailly	2021	12/4/2020	Leadership Circle

## 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 (e.g., 50).**

7850

**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." (Only allow numerical values.)**

5,233

**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).**

17.7

**Where is your habitat being created? This may include residences (yards, containers, balconies, etc.), schools, places of worship, rights-of-way, roadsides, community gardens, culturally-significant locations, shared public spaces and common areas or parks.**

Habitat is existing or being created on village owned properties, residential yards and containers, schools, American Indian Center, and private commercial properties.

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

Most of the marginalized communities consist of developmentally delayed groups who are thrilled to name a monarch and have it placed on their finger for release. Our outreach efforts haven't targeted certain types of communities, but the Schaumburg Monarch Initiative conducts impromptu private releases to marginalized communities when asked.

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

The response from the community is a driver for the Village's continuing work on the Monarch Pledge. In 2021, the Schaumburg Monarch Initiative was recognized with the Governor's Hometown Award for their volunteer efforts on behalf of monarchs.

**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?**

For the Schaumburg Monarch Initiative, their strongest resource has been the Village of Schaumburg, Schaumburg Park District, and the Schaumburg Township District Library. In 2017, the Village invited the Schaumburg Monarch Initiative to display monarchs at our 3-day Septemberfest, and the spring Environmental Fair, while the Monarch Initiative was still in the organizational stage. The Schaumburg Park District provides space for indoor and outdoor programming, training, and storage at their 136 acre nature center. It might be helpful to have resources published in other languages to reach out to minority populations.

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

In May the Schaumburg Monarch Initiative trained the Northwest Suburban Special Recreation teachers to raise monarchs from eggs found in their new Sensory Garden. o Volunteers continued to raise Monarchs at home, due to COVID. They bought their own cages and materials this year.

**Selected Action Items**

**Remove milkweed from the list of noxious plants in city weed / landscaping ordinances (if applicable).**

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

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

Complete.

**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.**

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

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**Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city's Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.**

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66<https://www.villageofschaumburg.com/home/showpublisheddocument/208/637173072419500000>

**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:**

April 27, 2021

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

Monarch Conservation Month (May)

**Upload a copy of your proclamation.**

[Proclamation-Monarch Conservation Month.pdf](#)

**Engage with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning processes to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.**

**Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and associated opportunities to create monarch habitat.**

Natural landscaping is a component of the Landscape and Screening Ordinance 154.136. As such, all green space around detention/retention basins must be planted with native plants. See Section 154.136(G). [https://library.municode.com/il/schaumburg/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TIT15LAUS\\_CH154ZO\\_TRPRLASC\\_S154.136LASC](https://library.municode.com/il/schaumburg/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT15LAUS_CH154ZO_TRPRLASC_S154.136LASC)

**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.**

[Photo of Yard Sign.jpg](#)

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

Posted signs in residential yards promoting "May is Monarch Month" Spring newsletter YouTube video of the Monarch Butterfly Initiative work: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=olPEA1JJrho>  
Instagram Page launched in 2021: <https://www.instagram.com/schaumburgmonarchinitiative/>  
Webpage launched in 2021: <http://schaumburgmonarch.com/> Facebook page launched in 2021 (check it out for all activities in 2021): <https://www.facebook.com/schaumburgmonarchinitiative/>

**Engage with gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters , other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.**

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

Schaumburg Park District (Spring Valley Nature Center) Schaumburg Monarch Initiative

**Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and their monarch butterfly conservation efforts.**

Spring Valley Nature Center in Schaumburg: Volunteers maintain the rearing station, feed the growing caterpillars, raise and release healthy monarchs, tend to potted milkweed, and provide education. The monarch release and education program was brought back in August. During the 8-week period, about 2,800 visitors attended these. 25-30 volunteers gave their time to the program. Over 200 tagged monarchs were released. The Village of Schaumburg provides staff support to the Schaumburg Monarch Initiative who held several events in Schaumburg and nearby suburbs to provide education about Monarchs. See Action 3.

**Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.**

**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)**

Municipal Campus - 101 Schaumburg Court (Monarch Waystation): 1.5 acres (planted 10 years ago)

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

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**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.**

1.5

**Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.**

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

In 2004 the Village amended the weed ordinance to ensure no native plants were included in the list of noxious weeds. [https://library.municode.com/il/schaumburg/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TIT9GERE\\_CH90NU\\_WEAB\\_S90.60WEDENU](https://library.municode.com/il/schaumburg/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT9GERE_CH90NU_WEAB_S90.60WEDENU)

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**Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.**

**Please describe the groups you engaged with and how you engaged with these groups below.**

The Schaumburg Monarch Initiative attended and distributed education at the following events: Hanover Park, IL Family Environmental Resource Fair on 4/27/21 Oak Lawn Monarch Festival on 9/18/21 Environmental Resource Fair (coordinated by Cook County Commissioner Kevin

Morrison) on 9/26/21 Coordinated and implemented the first Monarchs and Art in the Park Family Fun Day in Schaumburg 7/31/21 (See their Facebook page for images of these events)

**Launch, expand, or continue one or more ordinances to reduce light pollution to benefit urban wildlife.**

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

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Not completed

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Not completed

**If this action is In Progress, please describe your progress and a target date when you plan to complete action.**

Staff is planning to take a look at this in 2022 - 2023

**Launch, expand, or continue an effort to change municipal planting ordinances and practices to include more native milkweed and native nectar producing plants at city properties.**

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

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Continuous.

**If this action is In Progress, please describe your progress and a target date when you plan to complete action.**

The Village always considers green infrastructure, such as native plantings, in capital improvement projects where feasible.

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

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

No Complete

**How many plants were planted?**

0

**Please describe your effort in completing this action.**

Not Complete. I believe I misunderstood this action when committing to it. Several native planting areas were installed as required during the development review process; however, these aren't community gardens. I'm not sure what "community gardens" are.

**Launch or maintain an outdoor education program(s) (e.g., at schools, after-school programs, community centers and groups) that builds awareness and creates habitat by engaging students, educators, and the community in planting native milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Schoolyard Habitats program and Monarch Mission curriculum).**

**What program was launched or maintained to complete this effort? If you are involved with another National Wildlife Federation program, please mention that below. (Please include a link to the program, if possible)**

A teacher, Kim Savino, at Collins School in Schaumburg coordinates Monarch education into the curriculum. I believe she probably submits an annual report of her progress at the school.

**How many schools, community groups, leaders, or centers were engaged in this effort? How many of these collaborations and partnerships are "new"?**

0

**Please list the names of the schools you are working with.**

Collins school

**What resources, if any, are you providing to educators?**

None

**How many students and educators would you estimate are being reached? Please limit your answer to only number of adults and youths engaged in the answer field (e.g., 200 students and 20 educators).**

0

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

None

**How many acres of monarch and pollinator habitat have been planted through this effort? 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.**

0

**What is the maintenance schedule to ensure planted habitat is maintained?**

Don't know

**Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.**

**How many plants were sold and/or given away at your event?**

Schaumburg Garden Club Native Plant Sale <https://www.parkfun.com/event/native-plant-sale>.  
4,538 native plants (including trees/shrubs) were sold

**How many people attended your event?**

411

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

Schaumburg Park District and Schaumburg Garden Club