Village of Romeoville

Romeoville, IL

Mayor John Noak

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.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- Host or support a monarch neighborhood challenge to engage neighborhoods and homeowners' associations within the community to increase awareness, support community unity around a common mission, and/or create habitat for the monarch butterfly.
- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.
- Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor John Noak	2026	3/2/2026	
Mayor John Noak	2025	1/29/2025	Leadership Circle

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Mayor John Noak	2024	3/26/2024	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.).

230

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.)

150

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.

residences, school, and parks

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

We advertise to all residents and offer subsidies on monarch kit purchases

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

Our Conservation & Sustainability Committee continues to promote Monarch preservation.

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?

There are many online resources, local conservation groups we partner with. We plan to promote more with events and social media posts.

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

We continue to maintain a pollinator garden and waystations throughout the community

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 18, 2025

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

Romeoville Continues Monarch Pledge

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Romeoville Continues Monarch Pledge in 2025.pdf

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.

Spring 2025 Newsletter_Final.pdf

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

Community Newsletter that is mailed to all residents

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.

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

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Village of Romeoville Recreation Department Village of Romeoville Public Works Department The Conservation Foundation Volunteer group (majority are Romeoville residents) Romeoville High School (student volunteers) Bolingbrook High School (student volunteers) In total, there was 186 Volunteers in 2025 completing 359 service hours.

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

Work days include ongoing invasive tree and shrub clearing as well as live time educational opportunities for safe removal and identification process with volunteer groups & high school participants. Additionally, education offerings via The Conservation Foundation to summer camp participant took place expanding on education offerings to the youth in the community. The Village's physical engagement is primarily cleanup and chipping efforts after work from work days or garbage that is collect from natural areas.

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.

We continue to work with the developer on the Monarch Grove residential project that will include 5 Monarch Butterfly waystations.

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.

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

75 monarch kits

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

125

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

Conservation and Sustainability Committee

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Host or support a monarch neighborhood challenge to engage neighborhoods and homeowners' associations within the community to increase awareness, support community unity around a common mission, and/or create habitat for the monarch butterfly.

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How many estimated individuals participated in your challenge? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only, e.g. 100).

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

Conservation & Sustainability Committee

When did this challenge take place?

Residents purchased and planted monarch kits - and registered monarch waystations

What is the total acreage of habitat created? Please limit your answer to only the number of acres in the answer field below (e.g., 2 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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Please describe your challenge and the results.

Residents and local school planted monarch kits.

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

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1st Place Native Planting.jpg

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2nd Place Native Planting.JPG

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

The Conservation & Sustainability Committee sponsored the property of the year and added a native category

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

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Please describe your effort in completing this action.

The committee added the native plant category to encourage residents to plant for the monarchs. They also handed out milkweed seeds at our Halloween event.

Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

What is the total acreage of land treated to remove invasive plants? Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

In 2025, there was 366 acres under management.

Please describe the extent of revisions or maintenance to invasive species removal programs, as well as the practices or techniques used to remove the invasive plants.

In 2025 a collaborated effort between the Village of Romeoville and The Conservation Foundation yielded the following maintenance practices and techniques on parcels treated. Controlled burns were performed, boom spot weed control applications were performed, invasive tree and shrub clearing and specific targeted pesticide application were executed on the previous mentioned parcels.

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

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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)

Robert C Hill Elementary School 616 Dalhart Ave. Romeoville, IL 60446

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

Conservation & Sustainability Committee donated Monarch Kits to the students to start their garden

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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