# Village of Romeoville

Romeoville, IL

Mayor John Noak

## Pledge Summary

## Action Items Committed for 2026

### 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.)

### Program and Demonstration Gardens

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

### Systems Change

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

## 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 |
| 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.).**

150

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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.)**

50

**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

**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.

**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 as well as social media posts and community events

## Selected Action Items

### 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

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**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.**

Butterflies 1.png

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2026-07-08 Lake Strini Pollinator Garden (1).JPG

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

Preparing Your Monarch Garden for Winter.jpg

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

Social media posts, information at parks

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

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

60

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

150

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

Will County Forest Preserve, Nature Foundation, Will County Audubon Society, Conservation & Sustainability Committee, RHS Ecology Class, V3

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

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

V3 Companies Ecological Restoration

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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.**

In the spring at Conservation Park, they replanted two of the butterfly garden beds completely with mixtures of plants and added engineered compost soil. The third bed was reseeded with native planting batch seed.

**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.**

spring 2026 - We work to maintain the pollinator gardens and add to enhance them.

## 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, 2026 - June 17, 2026

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

Mayor's Monarch Pledge Day, Pollinator Week

**Upload a copy of your proclamation.**

Monarch Pledge Proclamation.jpg

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Pollinator Week Proclamation.jpg

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