Village of Port Barrington

Port Barrington, IL

Village President Keith Vogeler

Pledge Summary

The Village of Port Barrington is a small town nestled in the Fox River Valley (pop. 1584, 2020 Census.) Established in 1927 and Incorporated in 1969, this recreational community has walking, biking and snowmobile trails, boating, fishing, and several parks and marinas within its boundaries. The Fox River Preserve of the Lake County Forest Preserve is also within the boundaries of Port Barrington, offering its own marina, pavilions, and connecting trails for more outdoor enjoyment. The Village is a designated Tree City U.S.A and Bee City U.S.A. and has incorporated many pollinator-friendly gardens into its stormwater management program. By signing the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, the Village of Port Barrington furthers its commitment to monarch and pollinator conservation throughout its community.

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.
- 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.
- 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.

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

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT KEITH VOGELER	2026	4/28/2026	
Village President Keith Vogeler	2025	3/10/2025	Signatories
Village President Keith Vogeler	2024	3/28/2024	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.

A roadside habitat was created along a culvert and two bioswales were excavated adjacent to our Public Works building. At least two pollinator gardens were started at residents homes.

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

The Mayors' Monarch Pledge information was included in our newsletter that is sent to all homes in our Village (pop 1584) Giveaways promoting pollinator awareness were provided to all attending community events

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

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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

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help expand equitable engagement in community processes and access to high-quality, usable nature?

Local native plant sales were beneficial in providing both staff education and a resource for our Village and referrals to our residents.

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

Our first Mayor's Monarch Pledge was celebrated with native plant additions.

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 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.

2024 RIVERFEST RAFFLE BASKET - BEE CITY.jpg

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

BUTTERFLY RELEASE DRAWING.jpg

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

2024 NEWSLETTER CLIPS MONARCH - POLLINATORS.pdf

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

Mayors' Monarch Pledge information included in Village Newsletters / website... alongside overlapping Bee City U.S.A. information and activities

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)

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Native pollinator seed packets were included in Welcome Bags for new residents and given to children at two events.

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

120

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

Port Barrington Village REC Committee

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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Leave leaves sign.jpg

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

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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).

Signs are at each of the Village Hall educational pollinator gardens that go into detail about pollin. "Save the Leaves" and "Monarch Waystateion" signs were added.

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

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2024 REVISION OFFICIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN -REVx.pdf

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

Port Barrington Planning Commission incorporated Bee City U.S.A. & Tree City U.S.A. was incorporated into revised Comprehensive Plan.. Bee City U.S.A. goals are set annually.

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

Plan does not set forth action items. It sets forth resources under which ongoing plans can evolve. Bee City U.S.A. goals are updated and implemented annually.

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.

Amended Comprehensive Plan was approved on October 16, 2024. Bee City U.S.A. goals of increasing pollinator gardens, adding signage, Pollinator Week celebration, creating a "take-away" information with pollinator and native planting information, and public outreach were all completed for 2024

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

Many of these actions are continual

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:

June 1, 2022

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

Pollinator Week

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

BEE CITY PROCLAMATION - THIRD WEEK OF JUNE.pdf

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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PW BUILDING BIOSWALE 1.jpg

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)

Several Village gardens were upgraded by being supplemented with native plantings. Two new bioswales were excavated and planted.

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

Port Barrington Village R.E.C. Committee

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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