VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY

DOBBS FERRY, NY

MAYOR VINCENT ROSSILLO

Pledge Summary

Dobbs Ferry is a village that lies just about 20 miles north of New York City. This riverfront village has a population of 11,000 within its 2.5 square miles of land. With its sloping geography, there is a traditional downtown, as well as generous open spaces. The Village is home to the 76 acre Juhring Nature Preserve, the beautiful Waterfront Park along the Hudson River, as well as two other parks with playgrounds- all of which are enjoyed by many. Mayor Rossillo of Dobbs Ferry NY is excited to transition our Village to a pollinator pathway and is committed to facilitating community actions that support Monarch conservation. With the signing of the Mayors' Monarch Pledge he looks forward to engaging our community in creating vital habitats to sustain pollinators especially Monarchs.

Action Items Committed for 2024

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants along roadsides, medians, or public rights-of-way.

Systems Change

- Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.
- Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals that are harmful to monarchs and pollinators and urban wildlife.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Christy Knell	2026	5/1/2026	
Mayor Vincent Rossillo	2025	4/30/2025	Signatories
MAYOR VINCENT ROSSILLO	2024	4/22/2024	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

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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.)

0

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.

.25

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.

Waterfront Park and traffic island on Livingston Avenue

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

n/a

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

The small size of our Village and limited greenspace was a motivating factor to maximize food sources for pollinators.

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?

cooperation of village staff with plant purchases.

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

We would like to add Ashford Avenue island the small entrance island into the waterfront parking lot this coming year as pollinator islands.

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Selected Action Items

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.

Dirtfest Announcement 2024.PNG

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

No plants, but pollinator plant seeds were given away. Ten packets at Dirtfest and 30 packets at the library.

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

100

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

Dobbs Ferry Public Library and Roots and WIngs

Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals that are harmful to monarchs and pollinators and urban wildlife.

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

DPW team, Friends of Waterfront Park, Beautification Committee

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.

DPW has historically not used pesticides.

Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants along roadsides, medians, or public rights-of-way.

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Where are the medians, roadsides and public rights-of-way? (Please provide an address or coordinates, if possible, or describe the location)

Waterfront Park https://tinyurl.com/mrynx4kd Traffic island at Livingston Avenue and Broadway, Dobbs Ferry

How many milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants were planted? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

15

What is the total acreage of median and public right-of-way that has been planted with milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants? Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

less than .25 acre

Please describe the maintenance schedule for these planted areas.

maintained on an as-needed basis

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

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

Beautification Committee, Friends of the Waterfront Park

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

in progress

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

At this time we are just coming up with ideas for how to increase these plants in village landscaping. Some thoughts are: review the code to see if there are landscaping ordinances that can be adapted or amended, search out village landscaping spaces where milkweed or pollinator plants would be appropriate and possibly hosting educational workshops at the library. These discussions will continue through the winter and decisions will be made after the beginning of the next fiscal year.

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