Village of River Forest

River Forest, IL

Village President Catherine Adduci

Pledge Summary

The Village of River Forest is home to roughly 11,717 residents. It is situated approximately 10 miles west of the City of Chicago, with easy access to public transportation. For more than 140 years, River Forest has remained an attractive community with rich architecture, beautiful homes and friendly residents who take pride in calling it their home. The Village is committed to saving the monarch butterfly and other pollinators with their signing of the Mayors' Monarch Pledge. Through the work of the Village's Sustainability Commission, we look forward to building more pollinator habitats throughout the community, including engaging with residents on ways they can help monarch butterflies through their own actions.

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.)

Program and Demonstration Gardens

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

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Village President Catherine Adduci	2026	1/29/2026	
Village President Catherine Adduci	2025	3/12/2025	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.).

2854

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.

0.18

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.

public parkways

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

share information and resources and explain benefits

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

high interest in wildlife 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?

infographics and communications resources

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

first year doing it. still learning

Selected Action Items

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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 9, 2025

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

Pollinator Week

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Proclamation.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.

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Screenshot Facebook.png

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

Screenshot Instagram.png

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Screenshot Newsletter.png

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

Social media, Village Newsletter, Village Website

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

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

NE Corner of Chicago Ave. and Forest Ave. NE Corner of Chicago Ave. and Jackson Ave. NE Corner of Chicago Ave. and Keystone Ave. NW Corner of Chicago Ave. and Forest Ave. NW Corner of Chicago Ave. and Jackson Ave. NW Corner of Chicago Ave. and Keystone Ave. SE Corner of Chicago Ave. and Bonnie Brae SE Corner of Chicago Ave. and Forest Ave. SE Corner of Chicago Ave. and Jackson Ave. SE Corner of Chicago Ave. and Keystone Ave. SW Corner of Chicago Ave. and Bonnie Brae SW Corner of Chicago Ave. and Forest Ave. SW Corner of Chicago Ave. and Jackson Ave. SW Corner of Chicago Ave. and Keystone Ave.

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

450

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.

0.18

Please describe the maintenance schedule for these planted areas.

Maintenance to be performed 8 months each year Village contractor specializing in native planting maintenance.

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