Village of Glen Ellyn

Glen Ellyn, IL

Village President Jim Burket

Pledge Summary

The Village of Glen Ellyn is a welcoming community, with a rich natural history, a vibrant downtown, and engaging cultural and recreational opportunities. Our mission is to support a high quality of life, and a healthy environment is an essential component of this mission. This is accomplished through increased adoption of sustainable landscaping practices that support both people and pollinators. Over the last decade, the Village of Glen Ellyn and the Glen Ellyn Park District have set the example for supporting the Monarch butterfly and other pollinators on municipal and park district lands. By continuing to take significant and meaningful Mayor's Monarch Pledge actions, Glen Ellyn seeks to support the Monarch butterfly and to inspire residents and business owners to do the same.

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.)
- Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- 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 gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters , other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.
- Engage with Homeowners Associations (HOAs), Community Associations or neighborhood organizations to identify opportunities to plant monarch gardens and revise maintenance and mowing programs.
- Engage with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning processes to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.
- Create a community-driven educational conservation strategy, initiative, or practice that focuses on and benefits local, underserved residents.
- Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

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Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.
- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.
- Convert vacant lots to monarch habitat.
- Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants along roadsides, medians, or public rights-of-way.
- Launch or maintain an outdoor education program(s) (e.g., at schools, after-school programs, community centers and groups) that builds awareness and creates habitat by engaging students, educators, and the community in planting native milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Schoolyard Habitats program and Monarch Mission curriculum).
- Earn or maintain recognition for being a wildlife-friendly city by participating in other wildlife and habitat conservation efforts (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat program).
- 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.
- Initiate or support community science (or citizen science) efforts that help monitor monarch migration and health.
- 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.
- Host or support a monarch butterfly festival that is accessible to all residents in the community and promotes monarch and pollinator conservation, as well as cultural awareness and recognition.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

Systems Change

- Remove milkweed from the list of noxious plants in city weed / landscaping ordinances (if applicable).
- Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.
- Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.
- Launch, expand, or continue an effort to change municipal planting ordinances and practices to include more native milkweed and native nectar producing plants at city properties.
- Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city's Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.
- Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals that are harmful to monarchs and pollinators and urban wildlife.
- Launch, expand, or continue one or more ordinances to reduce light pollution to benefit urban wildlife.

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Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Village President Jim Burket	2026	3/2/2026	
Village President Jim Burket	2025	11/24/2025	Monarch Champions

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.).

10000

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.)

500

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.

Gardens in the central business district of Glen Ellyn; St. Petronille Catholic Church; the Glen Ellyn Police Station; residential properties; local food pantry.

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

The gardens that have been planted in highly visible areas, such as along the Illinois Prairie Path, in the central business district, and at the food pantry, are enjoyed by all who visit and use the services provided.

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

The community of Glen Ellyn has embraced the achievement of Mayors' Monarch Champion. The many educational opportunities available to the community were at or near

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capacity. The award fits within the overall frame of Village of Glen Ellyn's Comprehensive Plan Goal of Sustainable Resource Stewardship.

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?

The online resources by the National Wildlife Federation are very helpful. In our local community, The Conservation Foundation, DuPage Monarch Project, and Go Green Glen Ellyn, to name a few, have all been valued and enthusiastic partners. Perhaps more sharing of what others are doing in terms of equitable engagement would be helpful.

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

The community has enthusiastically embraced the achievement of Mayor's Monarch Champion. This was evidenced by the high participation at all of the many events and opportunities offered in celebration of Summer of the Monarch.

Selected Action Items

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?

Board of Trustees; Environmental Commission - Village of Glen Ellyn

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.

Sustainable Landscaping in incorporated into the Village’s 2023 Comprehensive Plan (https://www.glenellyn.org/828/2023-Comprehensive-Plan), with native plants specified in many strategic objectives. One example for Parks and Open Spaces: “Use native plant varieties in landscaped areas throughout the Village to improve pollinator habitats”.

Host or support a monarch neighborhood challenge to engage neighborhoods and homeowners' associations within the community to

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increase awareness, support community unity around a common mission, and/or create habitat for the monarch butterfly.

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

Village of GE Newsletter spring 2026 Conservation@Home.pdf

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?

Village of Glen Ellyn and The Conservation Foundation.

When did this challenge take place?

During the spring and summer, and it continues to this date.

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.

The Conservation@Home “first 50” initiative encourages residential sustainable landscaping. This goal is tied to achieving 200 certified yards by the year that Glen Ellyn turns 200 (2034). As of late summer 2026, 12 certifications plus 46 site visits, and more scheduled.

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 23, 2026

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

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National Wildlife Federation Mayors' Monarch Champion Proclamation - Calendar Year 2026

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

PROC - 03_23_2026 - Monarch Champion status in 2026 under National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge.pdf

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Village of Glen Ellyn Board Agenda March 23 2026.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.)

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Village of GE Newsletter 6 18 26.pdf

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

The Village of Glen Ellyn Newsletter mailed to all residents, along with the weekly eNews, encouraged residents to plant pollinator gardens specifically by promoting "Conservation at Home" through the Conservation Foundation (https://theconservationfoundation.org/conservation-home/). The Village promoted the "Summer of the Monarch" through social media posts and eNews. The Glen Ellyn Downtown Alliance launched a website that featured educational opportunities, resources and special events held in the spring and summer of 2026. (https://downtownglenellyn.com/monarch)

Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.

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Self-Guided Garden Tours - Downtown Glen Ellyn.pdf

Please describe the groups you engaged with and how you engaged with these groups below.

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Engaged members of the Glen Ellyn Garden Club to collaborate on design of municipal gardens (streetscape). Members also served as docents to educate the community during pollinator garden walks. This was one of the many activities around the Summer of the Monarch.

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.

Three, Village of Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission; Village of Glen Ellyn Forestry Superintendent; Village of Glen Ellyn Engineering

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

Environmental Commission Chair met with Forestry Superintendent (May 2026) and Village Engineering Lead (Summer 2026) to plan addition of milkweed and nectar-producing plants to existing municipal gardens and to streetscape planters.

Engage with gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters , other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.

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

Schedule of Activities S of M.pdf

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

At least six community organizations or groups participated in efforts to support monarch butterfly conservation through Glen Ellyn's Summer of the Monarch activities. The groups include: GoGreen Glen Ellyn, The Conservation Foundation, DuPage Monarch, Glen Ellyn Garden Club, DuPage Wild Ones, College of DuPage Horticulture program, and helped to promote Monarch butterfly conservation throughout the community.

Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and their monarch butterfly conservation efforts.

There were scheduled activities throughout the spring and summer, and these were advertised on the Village website and on The Downtown Glen Ellyn Alliance webpage. Activities included a butterfly egg, caterpillar and host plants identification walk at the College of DuPage gardens; various talks on sustainability practices and topics; docent

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walks through the community gardens and self-guided walks developed by the participating groups.

Engage with Homeowners Associations (HOAs), Community Associations or neighborhood organizations to identify opportunities to plant monarch gardens and revise maintenance and mowing programs.

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

At least two different Homeowners Associations met with The Conservation Foundation and the Chicago Region Trees Initiative (CRTI) in an effort to offer better options for landscaping for pollinators. Five groups were represented, including the Environmental Commission along with the groups listed above.

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

The Chair of the Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission introduced Presidents of two HOAs (Maryknoll and Raintree) to The Conservation Foundation, the Chicago Region Trees Initiative, and to a local sustainable landscaping management firm. As a result, both neighborhoods are planning to plant native trees and to establish large sections of Monarch habitat in 2027.

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.

Representatives of the Environmental Commission met with Village of Glen Ellyn Forestry Superintendent (April 2026) to plan the creation of pollinator habitat as part of the Glen Ellyn Police Station landscaping update. We also met with Glen Ellyn Public Library Director to suggest an update to the existing Reading Garden; grant funding was subsequently confirmed for a 2027 planting initiative.

Create a community-driven educational conservation strategy, initiative, or practice that focuses on and benefits local, underserved residents.

Please describe the process to create the strategy , the strategy goals and content, and/or results of implementation. Please also identify who was engaged in this process, what partnerships were established, and how you engaged these groups. Provide a link, if possible.

Members of the Environmental Commission were instrumental in establishing a pollinator garden at a local food pantry where clients have enjoyed the plants and the many

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pollinators that visit the garden. The gardens are located around the client entry doors, so all can enjoy. Also, all municipal gardens are enjoyed by all who visit the village.

Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

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Village of Glen Ellyn - Government _ Facebook Ribbon Cutting Invitation.pdf

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Agenda Item Mural.pdf

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

The Village of Glen Ellyn Board of Trustees, Village of Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission, The Alliance of Downtown Glen Ellyn; Go Green Glen Ellyn; The Bookstore

How many individuals were engaged in this effort? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only, e.g. 50).

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Please describe the community art project that was implemented in your community and how it contributed to cultural awareness and recognition (e.g., number of art installations, type of art).

The Alliance of Downtown Glen Ellyn commissioned artist Rose Fenske to create a Monarch Mural in the alley adjacent to The Bookstore of Glen Ellyn. Residents and visitors were invited to the ribbon cutting on June 19th to stop by, enjoy the artwork, and celebrate a community where both people and pollinators can thrive. The mural remains on the wall and many people who have visited Glen Ellyn or reside here have taken photos in front of it and learned more about the Village's achievement of Mayors' Monarch Champion.

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.

GE Park District Native Plant Sale.jpg

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

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200

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

275

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

The Glen Ellyn Park District Native Tree and Shrub Sale was held in the summer, 2026 and reported 145 sales and 48 people participated. Go Green Glen Ellyn's native plant sale at the Monarch Festival (hundreds of people attended), and an Environmental Commission member gave away milkweed plants to an elementary school One Earth Club. The Glen Ellyn Library continues to host a seed library as well.

Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

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

Milkweed plants in greenhouse.jpg

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

25

What species were collected or propagated?

Common Milkweed for students at Forest Glen Elementary School

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

Environmental Commission member; Forest Glen Elementary School One Earth Club; College of DuPage Horticulture program

Please describe the milkweed seed collection and propagation effort that you hosted.

A member of the Environmental Commission partnered with a representative of Forest Glen elementary school's One Earth Club to collect and cold stratify milkweed seeds. Students stratified seeds at their school. Additional seeds were cold stratified at the College of DuPage Greenhouse and grown. These plants were given away to 4th and 5th graders in the One Earth Club for them to take home and plant.

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)

We maintained pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane St, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. The Civic Center added at least 50 native Rudbeckia plants and expanded the garden footprint with a pollinator-supportive Allium and Aster garden. Also implemented pollinator gardens with extensive Butterflyweed at the Police Station entrance, 65 S. Park Boulevard, Glen Ellyn. The Civic Center garden was highlighted at several of our Summer of Monarch Events.

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

Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission; Village of Glen Ellyn

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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Convert vacant lots to monarch habitat.

Where is the monarch habitat located? (Please provide an address, if possible)

Prairie Path Park, under construction, 453 Forest Avenue, Glen Ellyn.

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

Village of Glen Ellyn and the Glen Ellyn Park District are collaborating on this effort.

What is the total acreage of land that has been converted? 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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How many lots were converted to monarch habitat? Please limit your answer to only the number of lots in the answer field below (e.g., 3)

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Please describe when the lots were converted to monarch habitat and the planned maintenance schedule.

This activity is in process as Prairie Path Park was excavated this summer, with installation planned for 2027.

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)

Pollinator-supportive gardens were installed in +15 planters along the streetscape in downtown Glen Ellyn. Additional plants were added to the existing monarch habitat along the Illinois Prairie Path. (roughly 1,000 plants)

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

1000

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 1.

Please describe the maintenance schedule for these planted areas.

The area was mulched with leaf mulch; it is weeded monthly and there will be a spring clean-up.

Earn or maintain recognition for being a wildlife-friendly city by participating in other wildlife and habitat conservation efforts (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat program).

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

Conservation in Action – Village Links of Glen Ellyn.pdf

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DuPage Monarch Pat Miller Award 2026.jpg

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

Village Links; Village of Glen Ellyn; DuPage Monarch Project

What program was launched or maintained to complete this effort? (Please include a link to the program, if possible)

Village Links achieved Audubon Site recertification in 2026 (33 years); Glen Ellyn has maintained Tree City status for 40+ years; also pursuing Bird City Illinois certification in 2026. Additionally, we just learned that DuPage Monarch Project has awarded the Village of Glen Ellyn the Pat Miller Community Engagement Award for our Summer of Monarch activities.

Launch or maintain an outdoor education program(s) (e.g., at schools, after-school programs, community centers and groups) that builds awareness and creates habitat by engaging students, educators, and the community in planting native milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Schoolyard Habitats program and Monarch Mission curriculum).

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

Hadley Green Group Partners with Glen Ellyn Park District _ Details_DBPP.pdf

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

Pat Miller Community Engagement Award for their Habitat Heroes.pdf

What program was launched or maintained to complete this effort? If you are involved with another National Wildlife Federation program, please mention that below. (Please include a link to the program, if possible)

The Habitat Heroes program is offered by the Glen Ellyn Park District, so it is available to all students in Glen Ellyn. It is not limited to specific schools. The program maintains, rather than creates pollinator habitat. See Habitat Heroes: https://gepark.org/nature/#restorationworkdays This program was launched in 2025 and received the Pat Miller Community Engagement Award from DuPage Monarchs. In 2026, the program helped to remove invasive species from local parks.

How many schools, community groups, leaders, or centers were engaged in this effort? How many of these collaborations and partnerships are "new"? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

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Please list the names of the schools you are working with.

This year the Glen Ellyn Park District partnered with the Hadley Junior High's Green Group Environmental Club to remove invasive plants at Churchill Woods. While this is one example of partnering with a specific school, registered events for clean-up days are open to all students in the district. Additionally, students at St. Petronille Catholic School helped to clean up and remove invasive species from Churchill Park.

What resources, if any, are you providing to educators?

N/A

How many students and educators would you estimate are being reached? Please limit your answer to only number of adults and youths engaged in the answer field (e.g., 200 students and 20 educators).

500

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

Glen Ellyn Park District

How many acres of monarch and pollinator habitat have been planted through this effort? 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.

1

What is the maintenance schedule to ensure planted habitat is maintained?

Maintenance is overseen by the Glen Ellyn Park District Natural Areas Management team and augmented by program volunteers on work days.

Initiate or support community science (or citizen science) efforts that help monitor monarch migration and health.

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Pat Miller Community Engagement Award for their Habitat Heroes.pdf

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Illinois-Field-Form.pdf

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

Gmail - Butterfly Monitoring - Summer 2026.pdf

How many estimated individuals participated in your community science effort? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only, e.g. 150).

21

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

Glen Ellyn Park District

Please describe the community science program that you supported or initiated. Provide a link to any relevant programs, if possible.

The Glen Ellyn Park District expanded the number of participants in its effort to monitor butterflies in its parks. The program was developed in 2025 as a volunteer citizen science program, engaging volunteers with hands-on opportunities to monitor butterflies and native bees.

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

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

Environmental Commission; Glen Ellyn Garden Club; DuPage Monarch Project; The Conservation Foundation; College of DuPage Horticulture program.

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

2500

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

We added milkweed and nectar-producing plants at existing municipal gardens and created new gardens with a variety of native plants and nectar producing plants.

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

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

74

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.

The Glen Ellyn Park District, with an area of 73 acres, worked at Ackerman Park (spring 2026) and Panfish (summer 2026) Manor Park and Churchill Park (winter 2026), Maryknoll Park and Lake Ellyn (throughout the year) to remove invasive species. The Village of Glen Ellyn Public Works worked at Ada Harmon Wildflower Preserve (approximately 1 acre), where invasives were removed to restore light to the native wildflower habitat. Invasives were removed by cutting and painting with herbicides. Depending on the time of year, the focus is on what invasive is present.

Host or support a monarch butterfly festival that is accessible to all residents in the community and promotes monarch and pollinator conservation, as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

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

Monarchs at the Lake (1) (2).png

How many estimated individuals attended the event? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field ((Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only), e.g. 500)

500

What was the date of your festival?

August 22 and 23

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

Downtown Alliance of Glen Ellyn; Environmental Commission - Village of Glen Ellyn; GoGreen Glen Ellyn; the Glen Ellyn Public Library; DuPage Monarch Watch; The Conservation Foundation

Please describe the details of your monarch butterfly festival and how you ensured the event was accessible by all residents in the community (e.g., events, length, notable successes, outreach, location).

The Summer of the Monarch activities in Glen Ellyn included a festival in Lake Ellyn Park adjacent to the Festival of the Arts. Activities included monarch butterfly stories;

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identification; tours of the pollinator gardens in the park; and milkweed plant sales by Go Green.

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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

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Great Butterfly Hunt.pdf

How many garden signs are being displayed and where are they located? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

113

Please describe the educational information on the sign(s), and provide any links to externally purchased sign(s).

In 2025, we reported on the number of signs displayed to promote education and yard certifications, "Conservation @ Home" and "Conservation @ Work". Signs are displayed at homes, churches, and municipal sites where The Conservation Foundation has certified landscapes (https://theconservationfoundation.org/conservation-home). Monarch Waystation signs are displayed at 30+ sites including Montclair Monarch Meadows and the Glen Ellyn Public Library Butterfly Bistro (https://www.monarchwatch.org/waystations). Signage with QR codes is displayed at Glen Ellyn Park District demonstration gardens - providing Self-Guided Tours (https://gepark.org/guidedtours). In 2026, 16 residential and commercial sites have been certified by the Conservation Foundation. In 2026, signs were added to 7 gardens in Glen Ellyn. These signs supported The Great Butterfly Hunt (see PDF). Self-guided tour maps were available in several locations including Go Green Glen Ellyn, at the Glen Ellyn Public Library and on the Downtown Alliance page.

Remove milkweed from the list of noxious plants in city weed / landscaping ordinances (if applicable).

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

Board of Trustees; Environmental Commission - Village of Glen Ellyn

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

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Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.

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

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

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Sustainable Landscaping was incorporated into the Village's 2023 Comprehensive Plan (https://www.glenellyn.org/828/2023-Comprehensive-Plan), with native plants specified in many strategic objectives. The Plan calls for use of sustainable landscaping in municipal beds and encourages their use in commercial developments.

Launch, expand, or continue an effort to change municipal planting ordinances and practices to include more native milkweed and native nectar producing plants at city properties.

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

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

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Launch, expand, or continue one or more ordinances to reduce light pollution to benefit urban wildlife.

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

The Village of Glen Ellyn Board of Trustees and the Village of Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission.

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In progress

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

The Village of Glen Ellyn Zoning code is under review in 2026, and dark sky principles are being considered for adoption in 2027. Also, a dark sky assessment of municipal facilities has been approved.

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