

Village of Hebron, Mayor Monarch Pledge

Robert Shelton, Village President of Hebron

Pledge Summary

Hebron, Illinois is a rural village with a population of 1,386. The village is nestled on the stateline of Wisconsin and in the far north of McHenry County. We are primarily a farming community surrounded by Hebron Township. Village President Robert Shelton has committed to saving the Monarch Butterfly and other pollinators by signing this pledge. He looks forward to engaging the community in building more pollinator habitats throughout the village.

Action Items Committed for 2023

Communications and Convening▶

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.

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

Issue a Proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat.

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.

Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants in medians and public rights-of-way.

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).

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

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

Systems Change▶

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.