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### Romeoville Continues Monarch Pledge in 2025

The Village of Romeoville will renew their Monarch Pledge in 2025, vowing to take steps to help protect the iconic butterflies and other pollinators who are vital to the flowers and plants in Illinois.

In 2024, the Village encouraged residents to plant monarch gardens and worked with Village staff to maintain mowing programs and milkweed/native nectar plant planting programs. A contractor was hired to maintain the ecological health and plantings around 15 ponds on Village property. Romeoville also engaged with developers in creating monarch habitats in new developments. The aptly named Monarch

Grove senior living and apartment development that will begin construction this year at the corner of 135<sup>th</sup> Street and Weber Road will feature all native plants and five butterfly gardens as a result of this pledge. Additionally, the Village supported a two-day plant sale at Isle a la Cache last year (11,042 plants sold), planted pollinator gardens at Lake Strini, and increased the percentage of native plants that must be used in city landscaping.

This year, many of those same actions will be taken up again, including supporting the plant sales, encouraging residents to plant pollinator gardens of their own, and finding new places to plant gardens on Village property. New this year will be an invasive species removal program aimed at re-establishing native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

"I am pleased to once again be taking the National Wildlife Federation's Mayor's Monarch Pledge," said Mayor Noak. "Pollinators are such an important part of the process for our plants to thrive and Romeoville is ready to do our part."

Are you ready to do your part? Visit [monarchwatch.org](http://monarchwatch.org) and learn about how you can create a monarch waystation in your yard.

