City of Scottsdale

Scottsdale, AZ

Mayor David Ortega

Pledge Summary

Scottsdale, Arizona is located in the beautiful Sonoran Desert and home to the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, one of the nation's largest municipally owned permanently protected land preserve. This demonstrates that our community is committed to a healthy environment, open space, and protecting natural habitats. The City of Scottsdale, in partnership with Keep Scottsdale beautiful and other interested citizens, already has butterfly gardens in several parks and senior centers, and we wish to continue our efforts to help these important pollinators.

Action Items Committed for 2021

Systems Change

- Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city’s Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.
- 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.
- Remove milkweed from the list of noxious plants in city weed / landscaping ordinances (if applicable).
- 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.

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

Program and Demonstration Gardens

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

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Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor David Ortega	2021	3/9/2021	Signatories

Action Items

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

To increase awareness and ensure we help pollinator populations.

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?

NA

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.).

50

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 spaces, common areas, community gardens, and parks.

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

Volunteer opportunities

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.)

Unknown

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

We have been using milkweed and other nectar plants at an increasing rate without any ordinances.

Selected Action Items

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:

December 5th, 2021

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

Pollinator Awareness Week

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

2021 Pollinator Awareness Week Proclamation.pdf

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?

NA

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

NA

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

NA

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.

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NA

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

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

30

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

Parks and Recreation and Keep Scottsdale Beautiful have approved the conceptual drawing for the garden at Pima park and will begin construction/planting January 2022.

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

Parks and Recreation and Keep Scottsdale Beautiful

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

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

NA

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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NA

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NA

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

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NA

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.

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NA

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

NA

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

NA

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

NA

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

NA

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?

None

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NA- Page 44 of the document below shows Milkweed is now a protected plant.

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

Complete

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