City of Cortland, Ohio

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Mayor Deidre Petrosky

Pledge Summary

The city of Cortland is home to about 6,800 residents. We are located in northeastern Ohio. The city is home to three beautiful parks with a state park adjacent to the city. Mayor Petrosky and the city's Parks & Recreation Board have committed to saving the monarch butterfly and other pollinators with their signing of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge and looks forward to engaging residents in building more pollinator habitat throughout the city. We will be planting our first pollinator garden in our Willow or Pearl park this year! The city's Rotary Club is also spearheading a community effort for milkweed and pollinator gardens.

Action Items Committed for 2021

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 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.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.

Systems Change

- 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.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement

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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.).

1400

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.)

100 youth, 1300 adults

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.

Public spaces

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

Not the focus of this program

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

Member of the community reached out

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?

Educational resources

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

We started small and will expand in 2022

Selected Action Items

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.

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

This action remains In Progress, and we hope to complete it in 2022.

Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.

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 planted a Pollinator Garden behind City Hall.

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

I partnered with the Cortland Parks Board

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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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:

4/19/2021

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

May as the Mayor's Monarch Education Month

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

May as the Mayor's Monarch Education Month.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.

Education Article 1.docx

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Education Article 3.docx

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Education Article 4.docx

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

I utilized the city website and the weekly e-news to publish informational articles. (see attached). The local newspaper, the Tribune Chronicle, wrote and article, also, but the file was too large to attach!

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.

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Cortland Parks Board

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

We established a planting program behind city hall, and expect to expand the program in 2022.

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