Cowboy Town

Davie, FL

Mayor Judy Paul

Pledge Summary

The Town of Davie, which has a population of over 105,000 is a unique blend of equestrian homesites, a rodeo arena that hosts national events, boarding facilities and a western themed downtown with major corridors developed to accommodate the needs of our residents. We have an educational center that houses Nova Southeastern University, the University of Florida, FAU, FIU and Broward college. Our dedication to open space and environmental protection is seen throughout the town. We have close to 2,000 acres of open space and are in the stages of planning two more passive parks: The Davie Wetlands Preserve (150 acres) and the Davie Farm Park (84 acres dedicated to teaching about our agricultural heritage). We are a certified Naturescape and Wildlife Habitat community and have been a Tree City USA for at least 20 years. Our 170 miles of equestrian and nature trails transverse our town's 35 square miles. We have butterfly gardens throughout our parks, at Bob Roth's New River Groves, Marando Farms, in our community gardens, at our schools and at town hall that are planted and tended to by the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, 4H clubs, and students as well as our Women's clubs and a myriad of residents. Our Agricultural and Environmental Advisory Board assists in making recommendations and keeping us on track. Personally, I have an abundance of milkweed in my pasture and I enjoy watching the Monarchs prosper along with at least six other butterfly species. I tend each chrysalis and enjoy watching the emergence of our little miracles.

Action Items Committed for 2021

Communications and Convening

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

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.
- 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).

Systems Change

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

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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.).

50

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.)

20 adults, 30 children

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.

3

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.

Community gardens, parks and schools

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

The Town is a CDBG recipient and we are looking to utilize our CDBG funding to enhance our target area parks and promote natural habitats in the community.

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

The Town of Davie has a vast open space and park program totaling over 2,000 acres. The Town's open spaces are home to many species of butterfly including monarchs that enjoy that Town's pasture land. The Town recognizes the butterfly's role in our ecology and looks to protect and promote their habitats.

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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 educational resources have been the most helpful to date. We would encourage more resources for social media education and promotion.

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

The Town is under design on the Governor Leroy Collins Farm Park and new Davie Town Hall. Both facilities will include butterfly gardens. Please also see Silver Ridge Elementary's efforts on their butterfly garden from earlier this year: https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/23b68d8349244615af2dff98565f48cf

Selected Action Items

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)

Silver Ridge Elementary School - 9100 SW 36 Street, Davie, FL 33328

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

Silver Ridge Elementary Students

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.

0.1

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).

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

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Community Wildlife Habitat Program of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF)

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

https://www.nwf.org/CommunityWildlifeHabitat/Communities/Community/251

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

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

2009-006 - ZB(TXT) 8-2-07 Night Sky Regulations .pdf

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

Davie Town Council

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.

Night Sky Ordinance was approved in 2009

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

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

In progress

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).

0

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

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installations, type of art).

The Town is preparing a public arts master plan and will incorporate this project into its plan of action.

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