Borough of Hatboro

Hatboro, PA

Mayor Timothy Schultz

Pledge Summary

The Borough of Hatboro is a 1.5 square mile town located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Hatboro was established in the year 1715 named after early resident John Dawson's profession: hat manufacturing. The Borough of Hatboro is full of rich history, having the only school located on a battlefield in the United States (Crooked Billet Elementary School), Pennsylvania's third oldest Libraries, land that was once part of the underground railroad, a clock made by Isaiah Lukens, historic buildings, and more! The Borough of Hatboro also hosted George Washington and his troops multiple times during the Revolutionary War. Today, Hatboro is a vibrant, diverse town and home to approximately 7,500 residents. Borough Council, Mayor, and staff strive to serve the residents of Hatboro with a responsive government in order to provide highest quality services to the community.

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 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.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- 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).
- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.

Systems Change

- Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.

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- Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.
- 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.
- Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city's Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Timothy Schultz	2023	3/16/2023	
Mayor Tim Schultz	2022	1/10/2022	Signatories
Mayor Timothy Schultz	2021	3/18/2021	Leadership Circle

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.).

400

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, 300 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.

Parks, Library, Borough Hall

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

Reach out to communities for spaces to beautify

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

Newly formed EAC is working towards more milkweed in public and private spaces

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?

Funding from grants, state and federal. Fund raising within town for specific projects

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

The program is building. Mural planned in 2023. Meadow plans are being drawn up.

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)

Union Library of Hatborough

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

Gardeners of Crooked Billet

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.

.25

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.)

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

Earth Day encouragement to plant milkweed plants. Free plants. NWF literature

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.

Riparian buffer designs include the planting of native plants including milkweed.

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

Mowing ordinances have been changed to increase riparian buffers along creek banks.

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?

Hatboro Rotary will sponsor a Monarch Mural on the exterior of the newly acquired community center.

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).

20

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 installations, type of art).

Coming in 2024

Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.

How many plants were sold and/or given away at your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

30

How many people attended your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

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100

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

EAC-Borough Council

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?

EAC, Borough Council

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

EAC

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

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

Borough Council

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

30

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

Plant giveway in the spring

Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.

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

Borough Council, Borough Manager

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

Pending

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.

NA

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

April 2025

Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.

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

Borough Council

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in progress

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DCNR support-wildflower meadows-Pennypack and Miller Meadow

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

April 2025

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.

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

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Borough Council

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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?

Borough Council

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