River Hills

River Hills, WI

President, Board of Trustees J. Stephen Anderson

Pledge Summary

River Hills is one of the smallest communities in Wisconsin with approximately 1600 residents and covering an area of 5.5 square miles. We are home to internationally recognized Lynden Sculpture Gardens, a private tennis club and golf club, and three houses of worship. Our homes are on large lots, many bordering the scenic Milwaukee River. We are an environmentally aware community, committed to protecting the monarch butterfly and pollinator conservation.

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

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.
- Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants along roadsides, medians, or public rights-of-way.
- Host or support a monarch butterfly festival that is accessible to all residents in the community and promotes monarch and pollinator conservation, as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

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Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
President, Board of Trustees J. Stephen Anderson	2021	3/19/2021	Signatories

Action Items

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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.).

1600

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.)

800 Adults 800 Youth

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.

27

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.

27-acre natural area has been set aside as part of a conservation development

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

Mailing has reached out to every citizen in our Village

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

The Village of River Hills is concerned about the survival of the monarch butterfly.

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?

Mayors' Monarch Pledge Website has been very helpful.

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

River Hills is an Environmentally Aware Community.

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Selected Action Items

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.

We have met with the North Shore Garden Club at their annual meeting, and discussed the Monarch Butterfly.

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)

There are two demonstration gardens, one at the Village Hall, 7650 N. Pheasant Lane, River Hills, WI, 53217, and another on the median strip of Good Hope Road, 1405 W. Good Hope Road, River Hills, WI

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

River Hills Committee on the Environment

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.

0.5

Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants along roadsides, medians, or public rights-of-way.

Where are the medians, roadsides and public rights-of-way? (Please provide an address or coordinates, if possible, or describe the location)

A pollinator garden with milkweed was planted on the median strip of Good Hope Road, 1405 W. Good Hope Road

How many milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants were planted? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

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100

What is the total acreage of median and public right-of-way that has been planted with milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants? Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

0.25 acres

Please describe the maintenance schedule for these planted areas.

Median strip is weeded on an annual basis.

Host or support a monarch butterfly festival that is accessible to all residents in the community and promotes monarch and pollinator conservation, as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

How many estimated individuals attended the event? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field ((Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only), e.g. 500)

30

What was the date of your festival?

September 11, 2021

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

River Hills Committee on the Environment

Please describe the details of your monarch butterfly festival and how you ensured the event was accessible by all residents in the community (e.g., events, length, notable successes, outreach, location).

Annual event with coffee, ice cream, and short presentations of environmental concerns, including the monarch butterfly

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:

Initial River Hills Monarch Butterfly Proclamation: May 9, 2017

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

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River Hills President’s Monarch Proclamation

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