City of Mountain Park

Mountain Park, GA

Mayor Jim Still, Jr

Pledge Summary

Mountain Park is a small city of about 700 north of Atlanta, GA. We are a Wildlife Preserve and belong to Tree city, USA. Supporting Monarch butterflies and pollinators is very important to us.

Action Items Committed for 2022

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

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.
- 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.
- 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.
- Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals that are harmful to monarchs and pollinators and urban wildlife.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement

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Mayor Charles Kolbrener	2026	1/27/2026	
Mayor Charles (Bill) Kolbrener	2025	4/14/2025	Leadership Circle
Mayor Jim Still, Jr	2023	3/3/2023	Signatories
Mayor Jim Still, Jr	2022	2/9/2022	Leadership Circle
Mayor Jim Still Jr	2021	12/8/2020	Signatories

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.).

100

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.)

10

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.

0.01

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.

on the city Green and behind some of the stop signs around town and in backyards

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

Our community is extremely small

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

Increasing the amount of milkweed plants around town to bring back more monarchs to Mountain Park, because long time residents have been reporting that they were seeing lots of Monarchs every year decades ago, but not anymore.

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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?

have not used any of your resources. Mayor's Monarch flags with milkweeds and monarchs on it along with stands to purchase for the project would help a lot.

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

We keep trying and it's moving forward.

Selected Action Items

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?

Community Garden

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

in progress

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:

09 Feb 2022

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

Mayors for Monarchs Proclamation

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Mayors for Monarchs Proclamation.pdf

Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods. (If you

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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.

MIlkweed MAP on Green.jpg

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

Hosting Special Monarch/Milkweed table on 4/23/22 for Earth Day in Mountain Park

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.

Continuous planting of milkweeds and pollinating plants in the community garden

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)

10

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

25

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

Civic Club of Mountain Park is organizing Earth Day on 4/23/22

Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

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

25

What species were collected or propagated?

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tuberosa, incarnata

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

civic club, garden club

Please describe the milkweed seed collection and propagation effort that you hosted.

Every summer all milkweed seed pods are being saved

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)

small garden next to city hall entrance at 118 Lakeshore Drive Mountain Park, GA 30075

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

Council members and Civic Club leaders

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

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)

Intersection of Cedar St and Lakeshore Drive in Mountain Park. Intersection of Lakeshore Drive and Mountain Park Road. Intersection of Mountain Park Road and Cypress Street at the Entrance to Mountain Park.

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

10

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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.

0.2

Please describe the maintenance schedule for these planted areas.

neighbors will water during drought

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?

Mountain Park Organic Garden

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

10

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

ongoing

Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals that are harmful to monarchs and pollinators and urban wildlife.

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

city council members

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

in progress

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

Not sure

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