City of Mountain Park

Mountain Park, GA

Mayor Charles (Bill) Kolbrener

Pledge Summary

Mountain Park is a 98 year old city located 15 miles north of Atlanta Georgia. Our city is less than a square mile and is a designated wildlife preserve. Our commitment to the monarchs is second to none. We have a strong citizen leader who has taken the time to plant milkweed throughout the city along with other pollinator plants. These plantings are specifically placed for the monarchs and other vital pollinators. Recently Mountain Park became part of the Lillian Carter Butterfly Trail. To enhance our communities dedication to the monarchs our City Council recently approved designated plant beds for several pollinator plants to help create a habitat for the monarchs. These areas will be used as a visual component to our green and lake areas as well as a place for educating the public about the monarchs and the importance of pollinating plants.

Action Items Committed for 2025

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 community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- 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.
- Engage with gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters , other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.
- Engage with Homeowners Associations (HOAs), Community Associations or neighborhood organizations to identify opportunities to plant monarch gardens and revise maintenance and mowing programs.
- Create a community-driven educational conservation strategy, initiative, or practice that focuses on and benefits local, underserved residents.
- 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.
- Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

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

20

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.)

0

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.

.05

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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.

yards, beds, ROW and community green

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

NA

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

the love of butterflies

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?

word of mouth

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

we made 6 custom beds for the butterfly habitats along our portion of the Lillian Carter Butterfly Trail.

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.

Mountain Park has several groups that assist in getting the message out there. educational booths are placed at major events in the city to promote these activities and education.

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).

Mountain Park is a small city. word of mouth at council meetings, days of service and the civic club announcements are made to encourage our butterfly beliefs.

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.

Garden club, civic club, city council (3)

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

there is a lot of community engagement. we are a wildlife refuge so needless to say the environment and our surroundings are at the top of our belief list. Our plantings are in raised beds with signage.

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)

20-30

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, garden club

Engage with gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters , other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.

How many community organizations and groups participated? Please list them below.

3- garden club, civic club and city council

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Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and their monarch butterfly conservation efforts.

very involved. we discuss the butterfly habitats on a regular basis.

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)

community green

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

Mayor and civic club

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.

.05

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)

throughout our city.

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

50

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.

less than 1/10 acre

Please describe the maintenance schedule for these planted areas.

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water when needed.

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?

Mayor , civic club

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

50

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

we came, we saw, we planted.

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?

Mayor and civic club

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.

by end of year 2026

Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

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

20

What species were collected or propagated?

Milkweed

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

The seed distribution was done by civic club volunteers and no partners were engaged.

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

Mountain Park had a day of service. milkweed seeds were directly taken from the seed pods. these seeds were distributed to those who wanted to plant milkweed in other places.

Engage with Homeowners Associations (HOAs), Community Associations or neighborhood organizations to identify opportunities to plant monarch gardens and revise maintenance and mowing programs.

How many community organizations and groups participated? Please list them below.

Our Civic Club hosted a community event. people were asked if they wanted to volunteer to plant butterfly plantings (milkweed etc..) in our newly constructed raised beds. that were specifically made for the butterflies. The raised beds were made to keep lawn maintenance away from cutting the butterfly habitats. This revision was made in an attempt to keep our butterfly plantings safe. We also have educated our lawn company as to where not to mow to keep the natural habitat safe.

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

We recently raised planting beds to keep lawn maintenance away from cutting the butterfly habitats. This revision was made in an attempt to keep our butterfly plantings safe. We also have educated our lawn company as to where not to mow to keep the natural habitat safe.

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?

civic club

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 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.

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in progress. we have completed 3 of 4 action items regarding the cutting policies of Mountain Park

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

our goals are set in the spring and fufilled by years end

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?

Mayor and civic club

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.

we have completed 3 of 4 action items for our lawn maintenance items. the fourth will be discussed and implimented by spring of 2026...just in time for the mowing season.

Create a community-driven educational conservation strategy, initiative, or practice that focuses on and benefits local, underserved residents.

Please describe the process to create the strategy , the strategy goals and content, and/or results of implementation. Please also identify who was engaged in this process, what partnerships were established, and how you engaged these groups. Provide a link, if possible.

none

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?

NA

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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 installations, type of art).

NA

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