

# City of Peekskill

Peekskill, NY

Mayor Vivian McKenzie

## Pledge Summary

Peekskill is a city of 25,000 located in Westchester County, New York, along the Hudson River. The City is bordered by beautiful Blue Mountain Park to the South and Bear Mountain to the North as well as several local parks and the Peekskill Regeneration Farm. Mayor McKenzie of Peekskill, NY has committed to saving the monarch butterfly and other pollinators with her signing of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge, and looks forward to engaging residents as Peekskill fulfills the actions of this pledge.

## Action Items Committed for 2026

### Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Initiate or support community science (or citizen science) efforts that help monitor monarch migration and health.
- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

## Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Vivian McKenzie	2026	2/25/2026	
Mayor Vivian McKenzie	2025	4/28/2025	Signatories
Mayor Vivian McKenzie	2022	12/15/2021	
Mayor Andre Rainey	2021	3/29/2021	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 (e.g., 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." (Only allow numerical values.)**

**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).**

**Where is your habitat being created? This may include residences (yards, containers, balconies, etc.), schools, places of worship, rights-of-way, roadsides, community gardens, culturally-significant locations, shared public spaces and common areas or parks.**

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

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

**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?**

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

## **Selected Action Items**

**Initiate or support community science (or citizen science) efforts that help monitor monarch migration and health.**

**How many estimated individuals participated in your community science effort? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field (e.g., 150).**

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

**Please describe the community science program that you supported or initiated. Provide a link to any relevant programs, if possible.**

**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?**

**How many plants were planted?**

**Please describe your effort in completing this action.**

## **Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.**

**How many garden signs are being displayed and where are they located?**

**Please describe the educational information on the sign(s), and provide any links to externally purchased sign(s).**