City of Mansfield

Mansfield, TX

Mayor Michael Evans

Pledge Summary

Mansfield is a suburban city in the U.S. state of Texas, and is part of the Dallas–Fort Worth metroplex area. The city is located mostly in Tarrant county, with small parts in Ellis and Johnson counties. Its location is approximately 30 miles from Dallas and 20 miles from Fort Worth, and is adjacent to Arlington.

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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Systems Change

- 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.
- 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
Mayor Michael Evans	2025	4/28/2025	Leadership Circle
Mayor Michael Evans	2023	1/23/2023	Leadership Circle
Mayor Michael Evans	2022	2/11/2022	Leadership Circle
Mayor-Elect Michael Evans	2021	12/9/2020	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.).

3000

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.)

2,500 youth; 500 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.

0.60

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, garden, prairies

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

planting gardens in these areas

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

We want to see our citizens helping to protect the pollinator's habitat as well as creating new habitats.

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?

The hand outs to give to the public at our events.

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

We work together with many departments within the city to make these actions items come to life.

Selected Action Items

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?

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).

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).

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).

Native plant sales (focusing on pollinator plants) through TRWD and Rooted In/UPlant It on April 9, 2022 kits sold - 33 Gardening for Pollinators On demand class available 9.4-9.10.22; 126 participants; free pollinator plants donated by TRWD and Master Gardeners given to participants Native plant sales (focusing on pollinator plants) through TRWD and Rooted In/UPlant It on Sept. 17, 2022 kits sold - 58 Pollinator plant seeds made available through library seed bank (seeds donated by TRWD) ; several pounds of pollinator and vegetable seeds provided for the seed library, along with literature, bookmarks

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.

Mansfield Garden Club Butterfly Garden planted at Tarver Rendon Elementary School; lessons with all of 2nd grade on Monarch life cycle, importance of native and adaptive plants Grant written to Keep Texas Beautiful to fund 2 more butterfly gardens in MISD schools. Grant was awarded and garden work will start soon and continue into 2023, along with education for students. Life Cycle lesson including butterflies taught to students in MISD Native and Adaptive plants lesson including pollinator plants taught to students in MISD, preschool, and home school groups.

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.

Mansfield Garden Club MISD students Oliver Nature Park Volunteers City of Mansfield Parks & Rec Staff

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

They planted and seeded this year in our gardens, prairies, and other areas throughout town. The mowing schedule was moved to later in the year than previous years.

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.

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Master Gardeners are speakers for all our gardening classes Work with Master Naturalist volunteers on garden projects

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

speakers at gardening classes & help plant gardens

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)

Native plant sales (focusing on pollinator plants) through TRWD and Rooted In/UPlant It on April 9, 2022 kits sold - 33; Gardening for Pollinators On demand class available 9.4-9.10.22; 126 participants; free pollinator plants donated by TRWD and Master Gardeners given to participants; Native plant sales (focusing on pollinator plants) through TRWD and Rooted In/UPlant It on Sept. 17, 2022 kits sold - 58; Pollinator plant seeds made available through library seed bank (seeds donated by TRWD) ; several pounds of pollinator and vegetable seeds provided for the seed library, along with literature, bookmarks

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

300

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

Tarrant Regional Water District provides our plants and seeds for giveaways and coordinates Master Gardeners for our classes

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?

Mansfield Garden Club, Parks & Rec Staff, MISD

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

25

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

We added 3 gardens at MISD and we replanted some plants are our current gardens this year. We also seeded native seeds in a new prairie area at the Parks & Rec offices.

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Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

How many garden signs are being displayed and where are they located? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

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

We have many plant ID signs in all the demonstration gardens throughout the city. We are currently in the process of designing a new education sign for Oliver Nature Park garden. We hope to have it completed and installed early 2023.

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:

September 26, 2016

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

Mayor's Monarch Pledge Day

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

City of Mansfield Monarch Proclamation.pdf

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?

Mansfield Garden Club

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

Monarch Waystations & Certified Wildlife Habitat - Demo gardens at the Service Center, Oliver Nature Park Garden, Mansfield Activities Center Garden, and Parks & Rec Admin Garden

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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.

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

Mansfield Garden 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.

Currently working on landscaping ordinances to be updated to encourage use of milkweed where appropriate. Target to complete is 2023

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?

Code Compliance

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.

Currently trying to change ordinances so herbicides, insecticides, or other chemicals used in the community are not harmful to pollinators. Target to complete is 2023

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.

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in progress

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

We are adding more native plants to road ways, flower beds, etc through out the city. Target to complete is 2024

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)

Planted first of 3 planned butterfly gardens at MISD schools - Tarver Rendon Elementary - 6065 Retta Mansfield Road Burleson, TX 76028; Donna Shepard Leadership Academy - 1280 FM 1187 Mansfield, TX 76063; Linda Jobe Middle - 2491 Gertie Barrett Rd Mansfield, TX 76063; Demo gardens at Service Center 620 S Wisteria St, Mansfield, TX 76063, focus on pollinator plants, demo garden at Oliver Nature Park 1650 Matlock Road, Parks Admin Office 1164 Matlock Road, and Mansfield Activities Center 106 S. Wisteria. Monarch Waystations & Certified Wildlife Habitat - Demo gardens at the Service Center, Oliver Nature Park Garden, Mansfield Activities Center Garden, and Parks & Rec Admin Garden

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

MISD, Mansfield Garden Club, TRWD, Parks & Rec

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.

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