City of Decatur

Decatur, GA

Mayor Patti Garrett

Pledge Summary

Decatur GA is an urban city in the Atlanta metro region with a population of around 27,000 people in 4.5 sq mi. There are several community gardens in Decatur, including two on city-owned property. We are a Tree City USA and a Tree City of the World. Decatur was recognized as the first BeeCity in Georgia in July 2016 and has established two bee habitat gardens. Signing the Mayor's Monarch Pledge is another opportunity for the city to commit to additional conservation efforts and is supported by the city's Active Living Board and the Environmental Sustainability Board. We look forward to continuing our work to educate the community about strategies to conserve monarchs and to taking steps to establish additional natural habitats for monarch butterflies.

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.)

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Tony Powers	2025	3/5/2025	Signatories
Mayor Patti Garrett	2024	4/1/2024	Signatories
Mayor Patti Garrett	2023	3/31/2023	Leadership Circle
Mayor Patti Garrett	2022	3/21/2022	Signatories
Mayor Patti Garrett	2021	3/30/2021	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.).

350

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.)

115 youth, 235 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.

40

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.

residences, schools, planters, community gardens, new developments common spaces

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

we made monarch information available at the public library and invited all communities to the free pollinator festival but have plans for mini pollinator garden plantings in low income area of our comunity for next spring

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

to find more ways to save our pollinators and keep our citizens engaged

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?

Grants for pollinator plantings and education classes in low income areas would be helpful. I really enjoy the educational materials available.

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

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people really enjoy the festival we do and conversation has begun for No Mow May in our City!

Selected Action Items

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:

6/21/22

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

Pollinator Week

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

2022 Pollinator week Proclaimation signed.pdf

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Upload any relevant documents, images, or other attachments related to your effort on this action.

pollinator pledge Beecatur.pdf

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

Beecaturga.com Beecatur on facebook https://www.beecaturga.com/pledge

Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.

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Receipt for Monarch pledge seedling packets.pdf

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How many plants were sold and/or given away at your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

100 free milkweed seed packs, Pollinator Festival 2022, https://www.beecaturga.com/2022-national-pollinator-week

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

250

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

Beecatur, Monarchs across Georgia, Wylde Center, Trees Atlanta, Georgia Native Plant Society, Decatur Cares About Climatee

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