City of Decatur

Decatur, GA

Mayor Tony Powers

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 2025

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.
- 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.

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.).

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.)

48

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.

.5

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, community gardens, and in 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?

Our community gardens are being established in those marginalised areas as well.

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

To help the butterfiles thrive however we could.

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?

any funding help for invasives removal to help establish pollinator plants.

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

Each year the pollinator festival has continued to grow sparking more Pollinator pledges to be signed.

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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:

6/16/25

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

Pollinator week

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

2025 Proclaimation Pollinator week.pdf

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.

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

Decatur Parks 4-H pollinator clean up and planting.pdf

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

3 groups- 4-H, Decatur Public works Master Naturalist, and Decatur Parks and Recreation staff

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

invasives removals in outr parks by hand means and planting native pollinator plants

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

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Seed and Scion.docx

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

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200

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

80

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

The Wylde Center

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