City of Covington

Covington, KY

Mayor Joseph Meyer

Pledge Summary

Covington is located in Northern Kentucky directly across the river from Cincinnati. Covington has just over 40,000 residents and is home to the beautiful 700 acre Devou Park that features prairies and pollinator gardens throughout. We also have a number of pollinator gardens in parks throughout our city. In 2017, Mayor Joseph Meyer signed a proclamation for the city to join the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. Since then we have installed numerous gardens and formed a community monarch coalition that helps us carry out chosen action items. Mayor Joseph Meyer continues to support this effort by repledging in 2022.

Action Items Committed for 2022

Communications and Convening

- Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.

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.
- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.
- Initiate or support community science (or citizen science) efforts that help monitor monarch migration and health.
- Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Ronald Washington	2026	4/22/2026	
Mayor Ron Washington	2025	1/13/2025	Signatories
Mayor Joe Meyer	2024	3/8/2024	Signatories
Mayor Joe Meyer	2023	2/15/2023	Signatories
Mayor Joseph Meyer	2022	1/7/2022	Signatories
Mayor Joseph Meyer	2021	12/10/2020	Leadership Circle

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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.).

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.)

40 adults 60 youth

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.

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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.

community parks

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

Most of the areas where the gardens are located are in marginalized communities

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

To make a more sustainable world and give a unique opportunity to the community

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?

N/A

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

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N/A

Selected Action Items

Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

What is the total acreage of land treated to remove invasive plants? Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

one acre

Please describe the extent of revisions or maintenance to invasive species removal programs, as well as the practices or techniques used to remove the invasive plants.

Us with the help of our volunteers removed invasive plants from our pollinator garden beds. We used mostly just small hand tools to pull out weeds that were unwanted.

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

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

20

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

None

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.

Community members came and Parks and Recreation demonstrated how to plant nectar producing plants and explained why they are so important

Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

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

40

What species were collected or propagated?

Milkweed, I am unsure of the type it was facilitated by our previous Project Coordinator

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

community sponsors

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

We propagated milk weeds from one of our existing gardens to help start a new one garden in one of our parks

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)

501 Philadelphia St. Covington, Ky 41011

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

other city departments and volunteers

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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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 (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only, e.g. 150).

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

other city departments

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

We had a pollinator demonstration where we educated the community on how pollination works from plants to pollinators.

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