# City of Greenbelt

Greenbelt, MD

Mayor Emmett Jordan

## Pledge Summary

The City of Greenbelt is a municipality of approximately 23,000 people located just outside of Washington D.C. in Prince George's County, Maryland. The City has actively pursued opportunities to support and maintain pollinators and pollinator habitat over the years. Greenbelt has recently been certified as a Bee City USA affiliate with the Xerces Society and has taken steps to improve and create new pollinator habitat. Mayor Jordan of Greenbelt will be looking to continue with these endeavors in the year to come.

## 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.
- 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

- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.
- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.
- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.

## Past Pledge Archive

| Mayor Name | Program Year | Pledge Date | Achievement |
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| Mayor Emmett Jordan | 2025 | 1/27/2025 | Signatories |
| Mayor Emmett Jordan | 2023 | 3/30/2023 | Leadership Circle |
| Mayor Emmett Jordan | 2022 | 4/22/2022 | Signatories |
| Mayor Colin Byrd | 2021 | 3/31/2021 | Leadership Circle |

## 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.).**

300

**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.)**

100 youth and 200 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.**

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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 gardens, parks, and in horticulture beds.

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

Working with non-profits, such as CHEARS, to reach out to underserved communities and groups on environmental issues. The Mayor's Monarch Pledge has provided impetus to complete more projects.

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

The City of Greenbelt is fully committed to the preservation of pollinators and pollinator habitat. We have additional commitments as a Bee City USA affiliate and regularly work to maintain pollinator habitat in areas such as our Firefly Sanctuary.

**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?**

As a Bee City USA Affiliate, the Xerces Society has been invaluable as a resource. More pollinator based grant opportunities would be helpful to meet our goals. Most grants focus on tree plantings and not on native perennial/meadow planting. By creating more funding

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opportunities for these kinds of projects it would be easier to assess and cultivate more turf grass areas into pollinator habitat.

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

We have continued to support pollinator health and conservation as a Bee City USA affiliate and will continue to make improvements each year.

## 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:**

6/6/2022

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

National Pollinator Week Proclamation

**Upload a copy of your proclamation.**

Proclamation-for-National-Pollinator-Week-Greenbelt-2022.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.**

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

17 The City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works The City of Greenbelt Planning Department The City of Greenbelt Recreation Department Greenbelt Homes Inc. GEAC (Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition) 9 HOA's Greenbelt Station CHEARS

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

The City of Greenbelt, in conjunction with nearby Bee City USA affiliate municipalities, observed "No Mow Month" for the month of April, encouraging residents to forego mowing that month to aid in early pollinator habitat. Residents could register to have a yard sign declaring they were participating and the City suspended mowing and lawn care ordinances for that month. HOA's and other community organizations were asked to participate as well. The City looks forward to continuing and broadening this effort next year.

## Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.

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

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**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)**

The demonstration garden (Buddy Attick Food Forest) is located at the main entrance to Buddy Attick park in the center of the City of Greenbelt (555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770). This park is frequented by thousands of visitors each year and with the addition of native plants and milkweeds, the food forest will provide more food sources to pollinators including the monarch.

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

The City worked with numerous community organizations as part of its Earth Day Celebration. This included the Dora Kennedy French Immersion School, the non-profit CHEARS, GHI, Scouts of America, and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The plants

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purchased for this event were funded by the state of Maryland through the Keep Maryland Beautiful Grant.

**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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## Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.

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

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

Greenbelt Farmers Market, Bee City USA, Xerces Society

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

300

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

By partnering with the Greenbelt Farmers Market, City of Greenbelt staff and members of the Greenbelt Pollinator Circle handed out free milkweed plugs (100 each of common, swamp, and butterfly weed) to the farmers market patrons and community members to plant in their yards in celebration of National Pollinator Week. Advertised on the Farmers Market social media account https://www.instagram.com/reel/Ce_a0XvArQu/?igshid=ZmMyNmFmZTc=.

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

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

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

500

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

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