City of Greenbelt

Greenbelt, MD

Mayor Emmett Jordan

Pledge Summary

The City of Greenbelt is a community of roughly 24,000, 10 miles northeast of Washington D.C. in Prince George's County, Maryland. Greenbelt is a community that is committed to sustainability and environmental practices that enhance biodiversity and resiliency. As a Bee City USA affiliate, the City has committed efforts to improve the health of native pollinators including the Monarch.

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.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

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

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

To continue the important conservation work to protect monarchs and their critical habitat.

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?

High quality handouts on monarchs and their lifecycle would be greatly appreciated in english and spanish.

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.).

150

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.

Milkweed has been distributed and planted in community member's yards and continued to be maintained in conservation areas throughout the city.

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

By engaging with community youth organizations and local non-profits such as CHEARS, allowing for interpretive events for underserved youth in our community.

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.)

75

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

N/A

Selected Action Items

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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:

6/16/2025

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

National Pollinator Week

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Proclamation-for-National-Pollinator-Week-Greenbelt-2025.docx

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

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

200

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

Greenbelt Farmer's Market

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

Pollinator Week 2025_2.jpeg

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

100 butterfly weed

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.

An estimated 10 acres were treated this year.

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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.

Throughout the year, the city holds numerous weed warrior conservation stewardship volunteer events with the goal of removing invasive plant species and installing natives. This year the City also launched a weekly Gardening Get-Together event with the goal of maintaining pollinator habitat at one of our local parks.

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