Moon Township

Moon, PA

Board of Supervisors Chairman David Bachman

Pledge Summary

Moon Township is a suburb of Pittsburgh in Western Pennsylvania. The Township is home to a population of approximately 25,000 people. Moon Township has a long-standing tradition of investment in public parks and open space. The Township has three landmark parks that feature over 600 acres of open space and over 15 miles of hiking trails. In 2019 the Township converted open areas in both Robin Hill Park and Moon Park into no-mow wildflower meadows. The meadows have been planted with special blends of native flowers and grasses specifically for pollinators. The Township also participates in the Pollinator Pathway program developing community Pollinator Pathways through volunteer efforts working together to establish pollinator-friendly habitats. In addition to the Pollinator Pathways, the Township also participates in the Wildlife-Friendly Community program with the National Wildlife Federation to create a wildlife habitat throughout the community while educating and engaging residents. Moon Township residents have certified their own gardens and yards assisting the Township in reaching the certification goal.

Action Items Committed for 2024

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 community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- 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.
- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Chairman David Bachman	2026	3/31/2026	

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Board of Supervisors Chairman David Bachman	2025	3/11/2025	Leadership Circle
Board of Supervisors Chairman David Bachman	2024	3/28/2024	Signatories
Chair of Moon Township Board of Supervisors John Hertzer	2021	4/7/2021	

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.).

150

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.)

50

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.

0

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.

The Township has created habitat in two (2) of our public parks, Robin Hill Park and Moon Park. The Township Public Works Department continues to maintain each meadow habitat annually. The Township also participates in the Community Wildlife Habitat program where we encourage our residents annually to certify their habitats. The Township also partnered this year with the Garden Club and the Environmental Advisory Council for habitat planting at our Mooncrest Activity Center.

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

This year the Township partnered with Mooncrest Neighborhood Programs a program of Hopebound Ministries and the Felician Sister to plan a community pollinator garden at the Sr. Rene Procopio Activity Center, property owned and maintained by the Township. The Township leveraged the principles of the Monarch Pledge to enhance awareness of the importance of pollinators, engage students in the process of planting, and illustrate the

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need to plant natives and fruit bearing trees in the region. The Township plans to continue this planning in the future.

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

The Township took the Monarch Pledge and continues to take the Monarch Pledge to demonstrate that we are committed to creating a habitat for the monarch butterfly but that we are also committed to planting pollinators in our public spaces, creating education about the importance of planting and the environment, and to demonstrate that we're committing to national programs established on best practices for environmental stewardship.

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 this is my first year personally through the program, I have yet to really utilize the resources of the Monarch Pledge however I intend to more frequently next year.

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

Nothing else at this time. We continue to work to fulfill our community action items and intend to renew our commitment to the program for 2025.

Selected Action Items

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.

The Township continues to partner closely with the Moon Garden Club participating in this years seed swap - purchasing seedlings for distribution.

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

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

Prairie Moon Nursery Receipt.pdf

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2024-plant-give-away-flyer.pdf

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

850

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

75

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

In May of 2024 Moon Township partnered with the Moon Township Garden Club, the Moon Township Environmental Advisory Council, Hollow Oak Land Trust, and Rosela Farms to host a plant seed swap/giveaway at Moon Park.

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)

The Township has two demonstration gardens one located at Robin Hill Park (949 Thorn Run Road) and the other located in Moon Park (1340 Joe DeNardo Way). Both locations are public parks accessible to all who wish to visit. The concept for the demonstration gardens was born out of the initiatives of the Township's Green Team and the Environmental Advisory Council.

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

The Township partnered with the Green Initiatives team, the Environmental Advisory Council, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Public Works Department to create and plant the gardens. The plants came from a local nursery and the Public Works Department continues to maintain the gardens.

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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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:

April 3, 2024

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

Arbor Day Proclamation 2024

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Arbor Day Proclamation 2024.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.

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

Moon Township Environmental Advisory Council, Moon Township Public Works Department, Moon Garden Club, Montour Run Watershed Association.

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

The Public Works Dept. regularly reviews the mowing schedule for the season with Township Administration and input from the EAC. With input from the EAC the meadow mowing schedule has been revised from late fall to early spring for optimal growth.

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