City of Lafayette

Lafayette, IN

Mayor Tony Roswarski

Pledge Summary

Lafayette is a city in central Indiana with a population of roughly 75,000. The city was settled next to the Wabash River and is situated next to Purdue University. The city is home to Columbian Park and the Columbian Park Zoo, along with many other beautiful city parks. Mayor Roswarski of Lafayette has committed to saving monarch butterflies and other pollinators with his signing of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge and looks forward to engaging residents in building and maintaining pollinator habitats throughout the city.

Action Items Committed for 2025

Communications and Convening

- 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.

Systems Change

- Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals that are harmful to monarchs and pollinators and urban wildlife.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Tony Roswarski	2026	3/31/2026	
Mayor Tony Roswarski	2025	3/5/2025	Signatories
Mayor Tony Roswarski	2023	2/3/2023	
Mayor Tony Roswarski	2022	3/15/2022	Signatories
Mayor Tony Roswarski	2021	4/9/2021	

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.).

20000

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.)

10000

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.

Lafayette Parks

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

Through educational activities at the Zoo.

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

To educate community members.

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?

n/a

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Selected Action Items

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.

2; Columbian Park Zoo and Lafayette Parks staff

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

Review milkweed maintenance and growing programs located within the City 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)

Columbian Park Zoo; we have a butterfly exhibit where community visitors are able to observe and learn about monarchs

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

Zoo and parks staff

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.

.25

Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals that are harmful to monarchs and pollinators and urban wildlife.

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

Columbian Park Zoo and Lafayette Parks and Rec staff

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What is the status of this action? Please limit your answer to either "complete" or "in progress" in the answer field below.

complete

If this action is Complete, please include the date it was completed and share a 1-2 sentence description. Please include a copy of the policy by uploading or linking below.

Eliminated the use of herbicides in the Columbian Park Zoo and resorted to naturalistic weed removal systems. Limit use of pesticides to areas that are out of public use and not near the butterfly garden area.

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