City of Fort Lauderdale

Fort Lauderdale, FL

Mayor Dean Trantalis

Pledge Summary

Fort Lauderdale is a city defined by its natural beauty, from our sandy beaches and blue waterways to the green spaces that connect our neighborhoods. As we continue to grow, we are equally committed to protecting the ecosystems that make our community so special. As a proud National Wildlife Federation Certified Community Wildlife Habitat, Fort Lauderdale has demonstrated that urban environments can play a vital role in supporting biodiversity. With more than 400 certified wildlife habitats across our city, we have engaged residents, students, and community partners in creating spaces that support pollinators and native species. Through programs like Green Your Routine, partnerships with organizations such as Heal the Planet, and initiatives like the Snyder Park Butterfly Garden, we are actively restoring habitat, planting native species, and educating the next generation about environmental stewardship. Our Parks and Recreation Department continues to expand butterfly-friendly spaces and pollinator gardens, ensuring that conservation is woven into the fabric of our city. By taking this year's Mayor’s Monarch Pledge, Fort Lauderdale reaffirms its commitment to protecting monarch butterflies and other essential pollinators. We will continue to: • Expand native and pollinator-friendly plantings across public spaces • Promote community education and youth engagement in habitat creation • Support the reduction of harmful practices that impact pollinator populations • Strengthen partnerships that advance conservation and sustainability efforts Together, we are building a city where nature and community thrive side by side.

Action Items Committed for 2026

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.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

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

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Dean Trantalis	2026	3/27/2026	

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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.).

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.)

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.

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.

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

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

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?

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

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

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.

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)

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

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

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