City of Prairie Village

Prairie Village, KS

Mayor Eric Mikkelson

Pledge Summary

Prairie Village, Kansas is an inner-ring suburb of the Kansas City metropolitan area with a population of approximately 22,000. The city sits just inside of the Kansas state line. Known for its prominent tree canopy and many parks, Prairie Village has always focused on promoting its environment for the betterment of and enjoyment by the public. As a continuation to these efforts, Mayor Mikkelson, in partnership with the City's Environmental Committee, is committing to expand our efforts in this space by signing the Mayor's Monarch Pledge to protect monarchs, local pollinators, and their habitats in our city.

Action Items Committed for 2021

Systems Change

- Remove milkweed from the list of noxious plants in city weed / landscaping ordinances (if applicable).

Communications and Convening

- Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods. (If you have community members who speak a language other than English, we encourage you to also communicate in that language; Champion Pledges must communicate in that language.)
- Engage with gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters , other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.

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 Eric Mikkelson	2026	3/30/2026	
Mayor Eric Mikkelson	2025	3/25/2025	Signatories
Mayor Eric Mikkelson	2024	3/27/2024	Signatories
Mayor Eric Mikkelson	2023	4/6/2023	Signatories
Mayor Eric Mikkelson	2022	4/4/2022	Signatories

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Mayor Eric Mikkelson	2021	4/29/2021	Signatories

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.

0

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

Environmental sustainability has become a priority for the Prairie Village governing body over the past several years. Initiatives like the Mayor's Monarch Pledge, Cities Race to Zero, etc. can help create a better environment.

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?

Many small local governments, like the City of Prairie Village, do not have staff dedicated to sustainability and environmental issues. It would be helpful to have print-ready articles or digital assets like videos, infographics, photos, etc. that we can share in local newsletters, on websites, or across social media platforms with minimal modifications.

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.).

10000

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 City has not actively created a new monarch habitat. Through various communication and education efforts, we've encouraged residents to do so.

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

N/A

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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.)

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

While this is our first year participating in the Mayor's Monarch Pledge, we hope to be more engaged in 2022. Now that we know what metrics you look for, we can also look to quantify our efforts for reporting purposes.

Selected Action Items

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

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

150

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

Deep Roots KC

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

DeepRoots Native Plant Sale.JPG

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

4000-5000

Remove milkweed from the list of noxious plants in city weed / landscaping ordinances (if applicable).

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

Prairie Village City Council, Prairie Village Environmental Committee

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

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Complete

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

Rank Weeds.JPG

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.

Language was added to our code of ordinances stating the following: "Native plants contained in a native garden, such as common milkweed and other pollinators, would be considered a cultivated garden and not classified as a rank weed." This update is effective December 1, 2021.
https://library.municode.com/ks/prairie_village/ordinances/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=1117996

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Support local pollinators Village Voice.JPG

Please describe the methods of public communication below (e.g., printed materials, social media, print media).

This is an ongoing imitative. The Environmental Committee wrote an article about supporting local pollinators, including a section on creating a butterfly garden, that was published in the citywide newsletter, on the city website, and on social media. These efforts will continue moving forward.

Engage with gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters , other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.

Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and their monarch butterfly conservation efforts.

This is an ongoing initiative. Efforts are underway by the Prairie Village Public Works department to plant more pollinator-friendly plants. The K-State Research and Extension

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Johnson County Master Gardeners maintain a demonstration garden in a local park. We will be in discussions with them about pollinator-friendly plants.

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

Prairie Village Environmental Committee The K-State Research and Extension Johnson County Master Gardeners Prairie Village Public Works

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