City of Prairie Village

Prairie Village, KS

Mayor Eric Mikkelson

Pledge Summary

Prairie Village is a city in Johnson County, Kansas located in the heart of the Kansas City Metro region. With more than a dozen parks, green space is important to the City and it's more than 22,000 residents. Mayor Eric Mikkelson, with the support and guidance of the Prairie Village Environmental Committee, is taking the Monarch Pledge again in 2021, reaffirming the City's commitment to saving monarchs and other pollinators.

Action Items Committed for 2022

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.
- Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

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
Mayor Eric Mikkelson	2021	4/29/2021	Signatories

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.).

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1200

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.)

400 youth and 800 adults

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.

individual plantings in the yards of residents

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

This has not been addressed

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

We are motivated by increasing habitats for monarchs and other wildlife in our community.

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?

It would be nice if NWF could provide templates/pre-written articles that can be customized for our city that that can be shared with our residents through our city newsletter. For example, an article by NWF that we can customize that explains the benefits of monarch habits, including data to support why these habitats are important, so we do not have to start from scratch with writing articles.

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

Nothing

Selected Action Items

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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)

4400 sold

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

350

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

3. The City of Praire Village partnered with Deep Roots (https://deeproots.org). Native plant vendors included City Roots Nursery, Green Thumb Gardens, Happy Apple's Farm, Parsons' Gardens, Sow Wild Natives, Missouri Wildflowers Nursery. Event also included a food truck and a Callery Pear tree "buy back" program.

Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

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

Native Seed Balls.pdf

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

850

What species were collected or propagated?

Asclepias tuberosa and Rudbeckia subtomentosa

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

Deep Roots organization and Go Green 2022 event

Please describe the milkweed seed collection and propagation effort that you hosted.

Propagation was completed through the distribution of native seed balls at 2 community events. Event #1: Distribution of seed balls at a native plant sale in Prairie Village. This event was a partnership between and the City of Prairie Village and Deep Roots (https://deeproots.org). Event #2: Distribution of seed balls at a county-wide environmental fair (Johnson County, which includes the City of Prairie Village). At both events, seed balls were distributed for free to attendees. At event #1, approximately 100 Asclepias tuberosa

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and 100 Rudbekcia subtomentosa seed balls were distributed. At event #2, approximately 300 Asclpeias tuberosa and 275 Rudbekcia subtomentosa seed balls were distributed. Handout was provided to attendees with information about the species and planting instructions. *INCLUDE ATTACHMENT of seed information

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 22, 2022

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

Proclamation - Earth Day 2022

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Proclamation - Earth Day - April 2022.pdf

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