City of League City

League City, TX

Mayor Nick Long

Pledge Summary

League City is a waterfront community nestled along the shores of Clear Creek in Galveston County, Texas, with a 2023 population of 118,740. It's located in the Greater Houston Metropolitan area with close proximity to Galveston Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. League City is home to South Shore Harbor Resort and Conference Center and two Regional Parks (Challenger 7 Memorial Park and Walter Hall Park). Additionally, there are 16 City Parks, including the 148 acre Dr. Ned and Fay Dudney Clear Creek Nature Center. The City is also part of the Great Texas Birding Trail. League City has begun efforts to save our State insect, the Monarch Butterfly, and other pollinators by signing the pledge, as well as becoming a Bee City USA affiliate, to encourage our citizens to provide pollinators with a healthy habitat throughout the City.

Action Items Committed for 2024

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.
- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.
- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Nick Long	2026	1/22/2026	
Mayor Nick Long	2025	3/25/2025	Signatories
Mayor Nick Long	2024	2/19/2024	Signatories
Mayor Nick Long	2023	2/23/2023	Signatories
Mayor Pat Hallisey	2021	4/29/2021	

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.

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

The residents and entire community are supportive of the program. They love all of the education and outreach that we have done with this program and want to see it continued. The League City Garden Club has also been a huge help this past year as well with the program. They got inspired from all of our work in the program in the previous year and now they have partnered with us to expand the program and reach an additional audience.

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?

The one resource item that has been the most helpful in getting the public involved with this initiative would be social media. All of our social media posts regarding pollinators and Monarchs are always popular. Everyone loves the photos and information that we are able to post and share. Our City website and City social media sites have really blown up and helped increase education about pollinators and the Monarchs over the past year. I am not really sure what other resources would be useful or helpful to be honest with you. I think it would be good to maybe showcase some member spotlights each week. Maybe you could email blast once a week to all of the members of the program a City and what they have done with their Monarch initiatives over the past year. That way these Cities and Groups can be highlighted and we can all maybe learn something that would maybe work for us in our local Program. Just a thought is all.

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.).

4750

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.

Another Eagle Scout candidate and us (City of League City) created a huge new Pollinator Garden out in front of our Communications Office in June and July 2024. This was most of the 0.01 acres of new habitat that we created in 2024.

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

We placed the news on our City website and City social media sites. We also planted the new Pollinator Garden in a public space that is easily accessible to anyone and everyone in the community. Now that pretty much everyone has access to a cell phone no matter

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where you live almost everyone in the City can enjoy the news and pictures about our program and the gardens.

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?

Staff and the citizens continue to be excited about the initiative. We continue to look for ways to obtain native milkweed to place into our Pollinator Gardens. We are also excited to report that we had another local Eagle Scout candidate create, design, and construct an additional Pollinator Garden at one of our City facilities earlier this year. Education efforts expanded this year by way of increased Social Media posts and the number of viewers as well.

Selected Action Items

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)

City of League City Communications Department Office, 600 West Walker Street, League City, TX 77573. The Communications Office lies within the two-way migration path from Mexico to Canada and back for the Monarch Butterflies. This Pollinator Garden was constructed to provide the necessary habitat for Monarchs as well as for other pollinators to make the annual trip and provides an educational opportunity for visitors of this public facility.

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

City of League City Parks Department, League City Garden Club, Local Boy Scout Troops, Eagle Scout candidate Nathaniel Decker and friends and family members.

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

Eagle Scout Project - Pollinator Nathaniel Decker #1.jpg

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Eagle Scout Project - Pollinator Nathaniel Decker #3.jpg

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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Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.

How many plants were planted? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

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Nature Center Pollinator Garden 6-11-24 #1.jpg

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Nature Center Pollinator Garden 6-11-24 #2.jpg

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

There were 30 Green Milkweed plants as well as 30 Aquatic Milkweed plants that were added to the Nature Center Pollinator Garden in Spring 2024. These were plants that were added to the current 40-50 Milkweed plants that already have been established and growing over the past several years. There are also well over 20 large pollinator plants that have been established within the gardens and bloom in the Spring, Summer, and Fall seasons. We have seen an increase in the local Monarch butterfly population within the locations of these gardens over the past year. Finally, our Eagle Scout candidate Nathaniel Decker planted 30 new pollinator plants for his pollinator garden project at our 600 Communications Office Building this Summer.

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

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We partnered with the League City Garden Club for our pollinator garden projects at the Nature Center. They were built a few years ago, but the Garden Club comes out 3-4 times each year to help us maintain the gardens from season to season. They love taking ownership of the gardens and always send out 5-10 volunteers every time we have a planting and/or cleanup event.

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

How many garden signs are being displayed and where are they located? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

8

Please describe the educational information on the sign(s), and provide any links to externally purchased sign(s).

The information on the educational signage is as follows: Monarch Flyway information and description of Native Plant and Pollinator Gardens and why they are important at the Dr. Ned and Fay Dudney Clear Creek Nature Center (3 signs); Description of Rain Gardens and how Native Plants help Pollinators at the Ghirardi Family WaterSmart Park (4 signs); Description of Rain Gardens and how Native Plants help Pollinators at Heritage Park (1 sign)

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Sign - Nature Center Pollinator Garden.jpg

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Sign - Heritage Park Rain Garden.jpg

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