City of Mountain View

Mountain View, CA

Mayor Pat Showalter

Pledge Summary

The City of Mountain View is looking forward to participating in its fourth year of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge and continuing our efforts to support the monarch population in Mountain View. The City plans to plant pollinators and milkweed at a prominent trailhead in Mountain View and work with local nonprofits to plant other pollinator habitats in Mountain View. We will also continue to maintain the existing pollinator habitats that have been planted in recent years through having volunteers remove invasive weeds and replace any dead plants. The City will also continue our Seed Library Program where pollinator seeds are provided to the library from the various pollinator habitats that have been created. Lastly, Mountain View will continue the process of creating a Biodiversity and Urban Forestry Plan that is expected to be completed in 2025.

Action Items Committed for 2025

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants along roadsides, medians, or public rights-of-way.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

Systems Change

- Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city’s Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Emily Ann Ramos	2026	3/25/2026	
Mayor Pat Showalter	2025	12/20/2024	Signatories
Mayor Alison Hicks	2024	12/19/2023	Signatories
Mayor Lucas Ramirez	2023	12/21/2022	Signatories
Mayor Ellen Kamei	2022	12/22/2021	Signatories

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.).

200

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.)

50

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.

0.1

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.

Grove next to Stevens Creek Trail

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

All locations where milkweed and pollinator habitat are being planted by the City and community organizations are accessible to all members of the public. In addition, all volunteer opportunities are open to all members of the public.

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

The residents of Mountain View are very passionate about biodiversity and supporting wildlife, including the monarch butterfly. In addition, the City Council and mayor each year are also passionate about biodiversity and continually making efforts to plant & maintain pollinator habitats.

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 resources for types of plants and signage was very useful in 2025.

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

Mountain View is a fully built out City so space for pollinators is limited. However, the City has an active volunteer program and engaged community organizations that take great pride in maintaining the previously created pollinator habitats and educating the general public on the benefits of pollinators.

Selected Action Items

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)

100 bags of milkweed seeds were distributed as part of the Mountain View Library's Seed Library (give away program)

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

100

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

Members of the Guardian Project provided many of the seeds for the Library to give away.

Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants along roadsides, medians, or public rights-of-way.

Where are the medians, roadsides and public rights-of-way? (Please provide an address or coordinates, if possible, or describe the location)

The area is a large grove near the Sleeper Ave Trailhead for the Stevens Creek Trail between Sleeper Ave and Highway 85.

How many milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants were planted? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

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What is the total acreage of median and public right-of-way that has been planted with milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants? Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

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Please describe the maintenance schedule for these planted areas.

The plants were planted as part of an Eagle Scout project and the City hosts a monthly volunteer day on Stevens Creek Trail to address areas including the pollinator habitat. There is also a dedicated Trails maintenance worker who waters and maintains the area on a daily basis.

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)

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

In total, the City has three pollinator garden signs, with one being located at the burrowing owl preserve at Shoreline at Mountain View, one at the demonstration garden at Cuesta Park, one at the demonstration garden at Heritage Park, and one being located at the new pollinator habitat at Sleeper Ave Trailhead. The educational garden signs provide information on how pollinator plants benefit the monarch butterfly and are supported by individual signs identifying the plants in the garden.

Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city’s Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.

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

• City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission, Green Spaces MV, Santa Clara Valley Bird Alliance, Sierra Club, San Francisco Estuary Institute

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

In progress

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.

N/A

If this action is In Progress, please describe your progress and a target date when you plan to complete action.

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Mountain View is creating a citywide Biodiversity Strategy and Urban Forest Management Plan. The draft plan is being circulated to the public and being reviewed by the City's advisory bodies and Council. The plan is anticipated to be adopted by June 2026.

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