City of Wylie

Wylie, TX

Mayor Matthew Porter

Pledge Summary

Wylie is a city Northwest of Dallas with a population of 57,526. The Smith Public Library has maintained a Library Garden since 2015 as a way to engage our Kids' Clubs. It became an official Monarch Waystation in the Spring of 2019. Mayor Porter is an avid supporter of the library and the garden programs they have planned for 2022. These programs will raise awareness about pollinators and personal gardens for all residents.

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.
- 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 community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- 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.
- Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

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.
- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.

Systems Change

- Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.

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Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Matthew Porter	2026	4/7/2026	
Mayor Matthew Porter	2022	1/4/2022	Leadership Circle

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.).

50

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.)

10 youth 40 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.

Library garden

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

We hav not started working on this project yet

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

The need to let the community know how important monarchs are to plants.

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?

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The sources on this website as well as sources from the master gardeners page and the AG department at Collin College. Ho to better reach people about monarchs and milkweed. A specific place to contact individuals to do programs about usable nature. Ideas on how to get the community more involved.

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

This year we have expanded our milkweed collection to two flower beds and we have prorogated the milkweed from seeds from last years plants. We are aslo looking for ways to put on programs for both adults and children that can help teach them about monarchs.

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:

01/25/2022

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

City of Wylie Monarch Proclamation

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

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Upload a copy of your proclamation.

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Upload a copy of your proclamation.

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Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.

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

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Seed Saver Program (1).png

Please describe the groups you engaged with and how you engaged with these groups below.

We partnered with Maxwell Creek Farmers Market and Jeff Bednar Farms as well as Wylie Northeast Community Garden for our Garden Tour which led to the exchange of information on what pollinators plants they currently have as well as the ones they should be planting. We also partnered with Collin College in providing a program about seed saving.

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.

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Copy of Garden Prog March 2022 IV.png

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

One of our garden committee volunteers has become a Master Gardener and through her contacts we will become an official garden for Master Gardener's to get their certification and volunteer hours. We have also partnered with the Master Gardener's to put on a program about pollinators.

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

We try to put on a program involving the Master Gardeners at least once a month. We are continuous advertising information about monarch and conservation efforts on our website and Facebook Page.

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.)

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Garden Poster.png

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

We added information on our website with a printable flyer that informed the public about the right kind of milkweed they should be planting in order to help feed the monarchs. We also hosted our first ever Garden Tour where we handed out milkweed seeds and flyers informing the community of the importance of planting the right kind of milkweed for our pollinators.

Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

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

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We are in constant partnership with the Master Gardeners and The Ag. Department at Colling College when it comes to putting on event that have to do with gardening and AG. We also work very closely with our Parks and Rec Department who have not only poured concrete for a pathway to make accessibility to our garden easier but have also poured a concrete pad out by the garden that will be used to host hands on learning events for adults and youth.

How many individuals were engaged in this effort? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only, e.g. 50).

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Please describe the community art project that was implemented in your community and how it contributed to cultural awareness and recognition (e.g., number of art installations, type of art).

Our garden committee artist Tran made a statue of a monarch butterfly out of a rock and presented it the Mayor as a representation of our efforts to become a monarch waystation and conservatory. We also did a children's program in may where the children made golf ball decorations to put in their own gardens. We had about 300 children participate in this event.

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)

40

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

20

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

We hosted this plant exchange at the library ourselves in lobby and gave out not only seeds but plants and a craft for children.

Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

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

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What species were collected or propagated?

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Native(green) milkweed that we found at Rooted Inn.

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

We will be hosting a container garden program that will be facilitated by the Collin County Master Gardeners

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

Our resident monarch expert bough native milkweed from Rooted Inn in Pilot point Texas and then propagated more plants in her garage that we will be planting in two more garden beds in our Library Garden.

Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.

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Monarch Sign.jpg

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Voyagers June 2018.jpg

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)

Rita & Truett Smith Public Library 300 Country Club Rd. # 300 Wylie, Tx 75098

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

Girl Scouts, Mater Gardeners, Collin County College, The Mayor and Boy Scouts.

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

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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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Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.

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

The City Leadership Group and the Parks and Rec Department Team.

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.

We plan on clearing out about 30 feet of grass in order to plant wildflowers as well as bluebonnets behind the library garden next year in order to save on mowing efforts and water conservation.

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