

City of Plymouth

Plymouth, MI

Mayor Nick Moroz

Pledge Summary

The City of Plymouth, MI is a vibrant community with a population of approximately 9,300 people that is located about 10 miles west of Detroit. The center of downtown is beautiful Kellogg Park, a popular space to sit by the new fountain, visit with friends, or attend a concert or event. Just outside downtown, you'll find traditional neighborhood streets with sidewalks, mature trees, community gardens, and over 12 parks; many including playgrounds. By signing the Mayor's Monarch Pledge, the City of Plymouth is committed to saving the monarchs and increasing awareness about pollinator habitat decline.

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

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- 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 Linda Filipczak | 2026 | 2/8/2026 | |
| Mayor Suzi Deal | 2025 | 3/15/2025 | Leadership Circle |
| Mayor Suzi Deal | 2024 | 1/6/2024 | Leadership Circle |
| Mayor Suzi Deal | 2023 | 2/12/2023 | Leadership Circle |
| Mayor Nick Moroz | 2022 | 3/7/2022 | 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 (e.g., 50).

5300

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." (Only allow numerical values.)

5300 (City newsletter email blasts and social media) distribution of adult to youth unknown

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).

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Where is your habitat being created? This may include residences (yards, containers, balconies, etc.), schools, places of worship, rights-of-way, roadsides, community gardens, culturally-significant locations, shared public spaces and common areas or parks.

Parks, rights-of-way, City Hall

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

Provide support to local nonprofit organizations such as Friends of the Rouge, Plymouth Pollinators, and Keep Plymouth Leafy with volunteer opportunities in our community. Volunteer events that occurred this year included tree planting, pollinator garden installs incorporating native plants, rain garden installation, removal of invasive species and local water shed cleanup. Other local nonprofit organization, Friends of the Penn, showed educational pollinator themed movies at the Penn Theater located in downtown Plymouth free of charge during Pollinator Week to encourage families to learn more about protecting our pollinators. The local library provided reading lists and educational material to spotlight Pollinator Week. All city pollinator gardens include free education materials about creating and maintaining pollinator habitat.

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

To address the decrease in the pollinator population and to increase pollinator habitat, the City incorporated the following goals into the 2022-27 strategic plan: 1) Incorporate eco-friendly, sustainable practices into city assets, services, and policies, including more environmentally friendly surfaces, expanded recycling and composting services, prioritizing native and pollinator-friendly plants, encouraging rain gardens, and growing a mature tree canopy and 2) Partner with or become members of additional environmentally aware organizations.

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?

National Wildlife Plant Finder, various webinars, networking with other community groups, native plant vendors, and master gardeners. It would be helpful to have more social media content to share.

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

While this is our first year of committing to the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, we were pleasantly surprised by the public support around creating pollinator habitat and their eagerness to learn more about incorporating native plants into their own yards.

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:

6/6/2022

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

Pollinator Week

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.

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

Collaborated with Friends of the Rouge to add a large rain garden at the Department of Municipal Services building. This rain garden included native milkweed plants as well as other native plantings. A volunteer event was held by local nonprofit groups, Plymouth Pollinators and Keep Plymouth Leafy, to install soft landing gardens around several native trees near the Lions Club Park. Plymouth Pollinators, along with their group volunteers added over 200 native plants to city garden spaces.

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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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)

Kellogg Park, Lions Club Park and Fire Station Park

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

Plymouth Pollinators

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.

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

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

Plymouth Pollinators

How many plants were planted?

220

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

A combination of swamp milkweed, butterfly weed and/or common milkweed are incorporated in all city gardens. Two gardens are certified Monarch Way Stations and one is a certified National Wildlife Habitat. Over 200 native plants were installed in existing city gardens this year including around 40 milkweed plants.