City of Lewisburg

Lewisburg, TN

Mayor Jim Bingham

Pledge Summary

Lewisburg, TN is a small rural community with a population of approximately 11,000. We are located in the foothills of southern Middle TN. Mayor Jim Bingham is committed to the health and well being of all citizens. By making this pledge, Mayor Bingham is also, committed to our environment.

Action Items Committed for 2021

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 city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- 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 Jim Bingham	2021	1/19/2021	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.).

48

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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.)

48 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.

.25

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.

community garden

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

We had a community led cleanup of one of our neighborhood parks that is located in a low income area. The county garden club has been involved by adding native plants to the area.

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

Being a small, rural, agricultural, community, we understand the importance of our pollinators.

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 National Wildlife Federation website

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

While funding and Covid has impacted our programs significantly, we are committed to add each year even though it may just be small steps.

Selected Action Items

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Engage with city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.

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

Parks and Recreation maintenance and Public Works

Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and revisions/maintenance implemented for mowing or planting programs.

Weekly meetings prior to mowing was held with the Parks and Recreation maintenance staff as a reminder of the areas to remain free of chemicals and mowing.

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

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

Parks and Recreation and Public Works

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

1000

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

new milkweed seed was added to the community garden. The area was marked off to keep the maintenance crews from mowing. Also, another pollinator area was planted that contained sunflower, zinnia, marigolds, and other wildflowers.

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:

05/09/2017

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

Mayor's Monarch Butterfly Day

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