# Tinicum Township, Bucks County

Pipersville, PA

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors James Helms

## Pledge Summary

Tinicum Township is a rural community in Bucks County PA. Tinicum places a high value on our natural resources and native species environment. We look forward to engaging our residents and working together to assist our native pollinators.

## 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.)

### Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

### Systems Change

- Launch, expand, or continue one or more ordinances to reduce light pollution to benefit urban wildlife.

## Past Pledge Archive

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| Chairperson, Board of Supervisors James Helms | 2022 | 3/18/2022 | Signatories |

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# 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.).**

3800

**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.)**

As we've made this public on our website and reached out to all residents, we do not know the demographics - ages.

**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.**

10

**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.**

Tinicum Township Community Park 30 Tohickon Valley Road Ottsville PA 18942

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

We are making involvement volunteer and public to all

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

Tinicum Township, Bucks County is known for its dedication and affection for the rural community and environment. This fits us perfectly.

**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?**

We function on a very limited staff and budget and welcome any available assistance. It is also important that this does not become cumbersome so that the efforts can actually be used for the Monarchs and pollinators rather than red tape.

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

Although we did not complete as much as we would have liked, we did do alot. The awareness and the residents are starting to enjoy the community goals and especially the meadow at the park. We are looking to host some community events next year as well to promote the meadow.

## Selected Action Items

### 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.

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

Environmental Advisory Committee / Garden Club participants in Tinicum as well as surrounding communities.

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

Volunteers hosted a tent at the Tinicum Arts Festival (thousands of attendies) in the children's area, with coloring, butterfly information and seed starters.

### Launch, expand, or continue one or more ordinances to reduce light pollution to benefit urban wildlife.

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

Tinicum Township has a lighting ordinance but we are working to improve and amend it if approved by the Board of Supervisors

**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.**

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

We do not expect to have this completed in 2022

## 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.**

Tinicum Township Environmental Advisory Council

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

Chairperson directly worked with Administration and Public Works to revise mowing schedules for community park an 11 acre field with a walking path around it. Volunteer planted plugs of native pollinator plants and milkweed and monitored fields (success!) for larvae and caterpillars/ chrysalis . Also working with public works regarding right of way mowing.

## 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)**

0

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

n/a

## 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:**

March 4, 2022

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

Mayors/ Monarch Butterfly Pledge

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**Upload a copy of your proclamation.**

BOS 3-15-22 Meeting Minutes.pdf

**Upload a copy of your proclamation.**

Mayors' Monarch Pledge Survey - Mayors' Monarch Pledge.pdf

## Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.

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

Monarch info 5-13-22.pdf

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EAC meeting 9.7.22 .pdf

**How many plants were sold and/or given away at your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)**

Hosted two native plant swaps at the community park (above). The first was attended on a small scale, the second larger and we expect this to grow as more people come to look forward to it. Almost everyone brought at least four plants/ or seed packets. Pollinator wild flower seeds were donated by Kind Earth Growersand distributed

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

40

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

Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors

## 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.)

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

Communications Committee has planned to put something in our 2023 newsletter.

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