City of Spokane

Spokane, WA

Mayor Nadine Woodward

Pledge Summary

The City of Spokane in Washington State has a population of roughly 220,000 and is located in the heart of the beautiful Inland Northwest. We strive to develop plans and strategies that are environmentally responsible and Mayor Woodward looks forward to signing the Mayors' Monarch Pledge to engage residents and staff in protecting the monarch butterfly and other pollinators throughout our city.

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.

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.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Nadine Woodward	2023	4/4/2023	
Mayor Nadine Woodward	2022	3/18/2022	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 (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only.).

5000

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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.)

300

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.

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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.

Golf Courses, City Parks, and Libraries

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

Starting a Green Corps Volunteer program in a historically economically disadvantaged community.

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

The drastic decrease in Monarch Butterflies in Washington and the need for sustainable practices within the City.

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?

Parks and Recreation Department, Librarians, Social media usage, and outstanding bipartisan support.

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

The city was already doing so much and what really was the goal is to educate the public about ways they can help and utilize the resources we have created such as the libraries and educational programs.

Selected Action Items

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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:

July 2022

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

Monarch Butterfly Awareness Month

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

7.1.22 Monarch Butterfly Awareness Month.pdf

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

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

Community Garden.jpg

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Bee Hive.jpg

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Butterfly Garden Sign.jpg

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Discovery Garden.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)

Manito Park Butterfly Garden, Pollinator gardens at many of our parks, community gardens across the City, and a Bee Hive

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

Spokane City Parks and Recreation

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. Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

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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.

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Bee Hive 2.jpg

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Butterfly Garden with Fountain.jpg

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Finch Arboretum.jpg

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Flowers's in Discovery Garden.jpg

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Garden Resources.jpg

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Grow Your Garden.jpg

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Meadow Grasses.jpg

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Pollinator Wildflower.jpg

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Sample Seed.jpg

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Seed Library Explanation.jpg

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Seed Library.jpg

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

Parks and Recreation, Sustainability Action Subcommittee, and Spokane Public Libraries

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

Our Parks department has planted and will continue to plant native plants throughout our parks and our Sustainability Action Subcommittee has provided education on how to improve mowing technique to help conservation efforts. The libraries here in Spokane have planted community gardens, meadows of native plants, seed libraries to encourage gardening and education programs.

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