Salida

Salida, CO

Mayor Dan Shore

Pledge Summary

Salida is a town of approximately 6,000 residents and is situated in Central Colorado. The Arkansas River runs through town and we are surrounded by 14000 foot mountains. We are taking the pledge because of our commitment to protecting our natural habitat for current and future generations and because of our community's deep connection to the Monarch Butterfly.

Action Items Committed for 2022

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.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Dan Shore	2023	4/26/2023	
Mayor Dan Shore	2022	4/22/2022	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.).

150

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.)

110 youth and 40 adults

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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.

No new habitat has been created, just maintained.

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

Through school participation so that all youth in 6th grade participate.

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

Many of our community's landmarks are named after the Monarch Butterfly because they were once abundant in our area. The community loves seeing the Monarchs every summer.

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?

Funding for groups like Salida-area Parks Open-Space and Trails, and the Greater Arkansas River Nature Association, will help expand equitable engagement. GARNA's Towns and Trails monitoring app will include monitoring for noxious weeds. Implementing the app will target equitable engagement.

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

The Greater Arkansas River Nature Association held two very popular butterfly walks along Salida's Monarch Spur Trail. Participants saw many kinds of butterflies due to the previous restoration efforts through youth programs and volunteers.

Selected Action Items

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)

448 E. First Street, Salida, CO 81201

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

Guidestone Colorado

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.

0.5

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.

seedcollection.jpg

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Seeds.jpeg

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

No plants were sold or given away but seeds were collected and given away during community collection events along Salida's Monarch Spur Trail.

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

100

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

We partnered with Salida-area Parks Open-Space and Trails (SPOT) and the Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (GARNA), which works with school groups from Salida School District, and educational programming for the community

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Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

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

100

What species were collected or propagated?

See Action #10, which included milkweed

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

We partnered with Salida-area Parks Open-Space and Trails (SPOT) and the Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (GARNA), which works with school groups from Salida School District, and educational programming for the community

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

Community members educated on how/where/why to collect milkweed seeds along Salida's Monarch Spur Trail, and how to plant and propagate in fall of 2022.

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