City of Corinth

Corinth, TX

Mayor Scott Garber

Pledge Summary

The City of Corinth is located in North Central Texas with a population of 24,904 and is part of the Dallas–Fort Worth Metroplex. The community is home to the Corinth Nature Preserve and Butterfly Garden, the Commons at Agora, and 13 additional public parks. Mayor Heidemann has demonstrated Corinth’s commitment to protecting monarch butterflies and other pollinators by signing the Mayors’ Monarch Pledge. Through this effort, the City looks forward to engaging residents through education, encouraging pollinator-friendly practices, and leading by example with sustainable city landscaping and ordinances.

Action Items Committed for 2026

Communications and Convening

- 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.

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.
- Host or support a monarch neighborhood challenge to engage neighborhoods and homeowners' associations within the community to increase awareness, support community unity around a common mission, and/or create habitat for the monarch butterfly.

Systems Change

- Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.
- Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city’s Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.
- Launch, expand, or continue one or more ordinances to reduce light pollution to benefit urban wildlife.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement

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Mayor Scott Garber	2026	1/23/2026	Signatories
Mayor Bill Heidemann	2025	1/8/2025	Signatories
Mayor Bill Heidemann	2022	4/28/2022	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.).

1000

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.

Parks

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

We are trying to reach underserved communities by offering different types of programs and several different locations.

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

The importance of monarch's migration

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?

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The planning guides and templates were incredibly useful. Updated social media graphics and printed marketing templates would be useful in the future.

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

We select only native plants to plant in our pollinator gardens and we use them to educate the public on their importance and why certain plants are best for monarchs since we are in the monarch migration path.

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.

Elm Fork Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists, Denton County Master Gardeners Association, Trinity Forks Chapter of Native Plant Society of Texas, Dallas Off-Road Bicycle Association (DORBA), Keep Corinth Beautiful

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

The Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners volunteered by working in our butterfly garden, held educational workshops, and held outreach booths. The Native Plant Society worked in our butterfly garden and held an educational booth. DORBA maintained trails around the butterfly garden. Keep Corinth Beautiful engaged volunteers for the butterfly garden, maintained the garden, held educational workshops and events, and posted on social media, creating awareness about the butterfly garden.

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.

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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)

3901 Corinth Pkwy. Corinth, TX 76201 within Corinth Community Park; 33.15610944926394, -97.0476808153436

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

Keep Corinth Beautiful board, City Council, Just Serve, Boy Scout Troop #424 , Girl Scout Troop #1703, American Heritage Girls Troop #1160, Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Native Plant Society

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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Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city’s Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.

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

City Council, Planning & Zoning Commission, Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, Parks Advisory Board

What is the status of this action? Please limit your answer to either "complete" or "in progress" in the answer field below.

Complete

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.

This plan was adopted in September 2020, and gives us a plan to follow for 20 years. Our sustainability plan is on pages 17-18.https://www.corinthtx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1080/Parks-Master-Plan

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

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

2.09.07 Lighting and Glare Regulations.pdf

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

City Council

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Passed on May 2, 2013, this ordinance requires turning off non-safety lighting luminaries at 10 p.m., end of business or within one hour of events until one hour before next day of use.

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How many estimated individuals participated in your challenge? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only, e.g. 100).

40

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

Keep Corinth Beautiful, NRPA Parks for Pollinators

When did this challenge take place?

September 1-30, 2026

What is the total acreage of habitat created? Please limit your answer to only the number of acres in the answer field below (e.g., 2 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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Please describe your challenge and the results.

We combined this awareness campaign with the NRPA Parks for Pollinators Virtual BioBlitz with a focus on monarchs.

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Mayor, Council, Keep Corinth Beautiful

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Passed 03.15.07 - This ordinance has been a long standing landscape ordinance for municipal buildings, businesses and residences.

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