City of Dalworthington Gardens

Dalworthington Gardens, TX

Mayor Laurie Bianco

Pledge Summary

The City of Dalworthington Gardens, Texas, was established in 1934 and has been a "rural oasis in the heart of the metroplex" located in southwest Arlington, Texas, with a population of 2,275. Mayor Bianco has committed to saving the monarch butterfly and other pollinators by signing the Mayor's Monarch Pledge.

Action Items Committed for 2025

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.
- 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.)
- Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

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.
- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Laurie Bianco	2026	2/11/2026	Leadership Circle
Mayor Laurie Bianco	2025	1/17/2025	Leadership Circle
Mayor Laurie Bianco	2024	1/22/2024	Leadership Circle
Mayor Laurie Bianco	2023	3/13/2023	Leadership Circle
Mayor Laurie Bianco	2022	2/23/2022	Leadership Circle

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Mayor Laurie Bianco	2021	1/25/2021	Leadership Circle

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.).

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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.)

100

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 additional habitat was created on public property and we do not have data collection to capture habitat created by citizens on their private property. However, we had citizens add to native plants to their established yards.

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

We are an equal opportunity when it comes to engagement, but we do not specifically target any one group, marginalized or not.

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

We understand the need to raise awareness to encourage citizens to help the monarch population. We understand the importance monarchs play within the ecosystem, especially with changing climate. One summer we had excessive heat and the following summer it was excessive rain. Furthermore, the Mayor's Monarch Pledge fits with our tag line and city's culture: "A rural oasis in the heart of the metroplex".

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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?

Information from National Wildlife Federation and MonarchJointVenture.org have been very helpful. We also used Native American Seed to purchase our butterfly retreat seed mix passed out to the public. No other resources to request at this time.

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

We have been consistent with our efforts to educate citizens through our newsletter, educational bookmarks, and butterfly seeds distribution. Because are outreach is done in an open public setting, we are unable to completely capture data on how many people we impact with our efforts. We use multiple sources to reach the community. Those sources include social media, newsletters, City sponsored events, and kiosk postings.

Selected Action Items

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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

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How many garden signs are being displayed and where are they located? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

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

The signage we have posted include educational information about the monarch butterflies' migration pattern, their habitats, and the type of pollinators that can be planted to encourage pollinating. The information is posted in our public park inside our kiosk and also displayed at our park board table during City-sponsored events.

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)

The demonstration garden is located in Gardens Park off California Lane between Roosevelt Dr. and Park Dr. It borders one side of part of the main path around the park and both sides of a walkway leading up to our gazebo and playground. The Gardens Park is the sole park within the City of Dalworthington Gardens.

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

In 2019, the Horticultural Club from Tarrant County College designed a new look and helped refurbished an existing garden. The DWG Park Board members, staff of DWG, members of the Friends of DWG Garden Club, and several citizen volunteers have helped maintained the gardens. We currently have obtained sponsorship from a local business for the maintenance of the garden.

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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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.)

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August 2025 newsletter excerpt.jpg

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May 2025 newsletter excerpt.jpg

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Sept 2025 newsletter excerpt.jpg

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Bookmarks.jpg

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monarch waystation brochure.jpg

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monarch waystation brochure2.jpg

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

The DWG Park Board has encouraged residents to plant monarch gardens at their residences through our City's monthly newsletter. We highlighted the migration of the monarch butterflies and asked residents to support the monarchs by planting nectar and native milkweed plants. We communicate with citizens during City-sponsored events to encourage residents to plant similar plants at their homes. Finally, bookmarks and brochures with educational information related to monarchs were passed out during the city-sponsored events.

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Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

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Monarchs and Friends Art Project flyer.doc

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

We partnered with citizens within our city of Dalworthington Gardens and surrounding areas. We also partnered with a nearby elementary school (Arlington Classic Academy) and had student volunteers put together take-home kits for our art project. for the art

How many individuals were engaged in this effort? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only, e.g. 50).

10

Please describe the community art project that was implemented in your community and how it contributed to cultural awareness and recognition (e.g., number of art installations, type of art).

We created a Monarchs and friends art project in the Fall. Participants were to submit nature themed projects which could include flowers, insects, butterflies, and animals. The artwork received was displayed during the annual National Night Out at our Park Board table. Members of the community visited our table and viewed the art work which spread cultural awareness of monarchs along with their friends.

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

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

We partnered with individual citizens within the community and nearby as well.

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

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Please describe your effort in completing this action.

Using propagation methods, we shared various nectar-producing plants for individuals to share at their home gardens. Plants included gregg misftlower, coneflowers, hummingbird flowers, lantana, etc.

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:

February 20, 2025

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

A Proclamation by the Mayor of the City of Dalworthington Gardens

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

2.20.2025 Monarch proclamation.pdf

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

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

100

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

50

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

We partnered with a member of DWG's City Council and the President of the Friends of DWG Gardens club to help pass out the seed packets throughout various Park Board events hosted in the City. We also hosted a plant swap in the Spring. There were many

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native plants included in the give away/swap and community members educated one another on their best practices for maintaining a healthy garden.

Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

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

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What species were collected or propagated?

We collected seeds of the species of asclepias viridis from a local resident's field.

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

We partnered with a member of DWG's City Council and the President of the Friends of DWG Gardens Club.

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

After identification, the milkweed was collected from a local resident's field. We continued to expand our propagation effort from the previous year and broadcasted the collected milkweed into the wildscape located within our park.

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