City of Oregon City

Oregon City, OR

City Commissioner Denyse McGriff

Pledge Summary

Oregon City is located 13 miles South of Portland at the confluence of the Willamette and Clackamas Rivers. The city has three major zones, defined by steep hills or bluffs. Oregon City is home to shopping areas, recreational opportunities, businesses, a wide variety of historical and cultural attractions, and several Interpretive Centers and Museums dedicated to celebrating the Pioneer spirit. Oregon City was the first State Capital and is the County Seat of Clackamas County. The City and its Commissioners are committed to the preservation of Monarch Butterfly habitats and revitalizing a once dominant population.

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.
- 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 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.
- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
City Commissioner Denyse McGriff	2022	6/23/2022	Signatories

Action Items

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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.).

400

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.)

40 youth, 360 adults (Primarily Adults, maybe only 10% were youth)

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.

Residences Yards and there have been poppies being planted in neighborhood spaces between sidewalks

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

We will be offering a free environment resource fair and handing out plantings for the Monarch Butterflies at this fair. We are also doing a youth camp in the upcoming spring where we will focus on pollinators, and we offer scholarships to help cover the costs for these camps. We work with our school district to get the scholarship information out to marginalized community members.

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

We want to build a strong and resilient community, and that includes monarch butterflies and other pollinator species. We always want to increase resources and community events to our community.

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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Any information on what other communities are doing is great. Kid activity books, online resources, ideas for environmentally friends crafts for youth programs, etc.

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

Most of this year was taking the pledge and starting the awareness. We have big plans for how to continue over the next year and increase the efforts of the pledge taken.

Selected Action Items

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:

9/7/22

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

Monarch Pledge Day

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

2022-09-07 Monarch Pledge Day.pdf

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.)

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

Monarch Pledge Day.png

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

We have mainly used our City Website, Social Media (Facebook and Instagram), and public meetings with our Commission and our Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

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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.

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).

3

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

Parks Foundation

When did this challenge take place?

Elyville Neighborhood had some plantings take place by Park Foundation Members

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.

0

Please describe your challenge and the results.

This is an area we need to improve next year with the efforts now that we have an official day. We plan to have several events and education opportunities for people, and we plan to do an actual challenge in 2023. Since our pledge was not signed until September 7th, we had a very hot October and then freezing temps, so we are going to be doing more plantings in the spring of 2023. I put 0 as the acreage because I am unsure of the actual amount. Members of our local Parks Foundation did a lot of the efforts of passing out poppies and encouraging pollinator gardens. An environment resource fair is planned for 2023 and some youth camps, an enhancement day and arbor day event, and more. This pledge and year is just the start.

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

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

60

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

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60

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

We did this as a part of our summer camps and handed out plants for kids to plant in their yards.

Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

What is the total acreage of land treated to remove invasive plants? Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

10

Please describe the extent of revisions or maintenance to invasive species removal programs, as well as the practices or techniques used to remove the invasive plants.

Parks supported the removal of invasive Ivy at local parks, as well as the remove in new park development where natives were also planted. To remove invasive species, we do a combination of things. We will do hand pulling, digging, and burning of invasives. We also have developed partnerships with our Parks Foundation and our local Watershed Council in creating invasive removal events, including several ivy pulls and work days with these groups in removing invasives and planting native plants.

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