# Bell Acres Borough

SEWICKLEY, PA

MAYOR Ken Alvania

## Pledge Summary

## Action Items Committed for 2024

### Communications and Convening

- 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.)
- Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- 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

- Earn or maintain recognition for being a wildlife-friendly city by participating in other wildlife and habitat conservation efforts (i.e., National Wildlife Federation’s Community Wildlife Habitat program).

## Past Pledge Archive

| Mayor Name | Program Year | Pledge Date | Achievement |
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| MAYOR Ken Alvania | 2024 | 3/16/2024 | |
| Mayor Kenneth Alvania | 2023 | 12/28/2022 | 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.).**

0.75

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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.)**

0.25

**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.**

0.04

**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.**

Along the banks of Big Sewickley Creek

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

We had a free Nature Festival this fall. I gave out little bags of milkweed seeds

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

Hoping to see more monarchs

**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?**

Big Sewickley Watershed has helped tremendously . Cleaning the the tributaries shores clean and monitoring the waters

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

Unfortunately , not too many monarchs were spotted this year

## Selected Action Items

### Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.

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**Please describe the groups you engaged with and how you engaged with these groups below.**

The Big Sewickley watershed is the only group i'm active with

## 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.)

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

don't know how

## Earn or maintain recognition for being a wildlife-friendly city by participating in other wildlife and habitat conservation efforts (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat program).

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

We are installing a new playground next year . Spoke with Boro manager about planting native plants and milkweed

**What program was launched or maintained to complete this effort? (Please include a link to the program, if possible)**

none

## 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.

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

Big Sewickley Watershed

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

Boro road dept will maintain plants

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