City of Anna

Anna, TX

Mayor Nate Pike

Pledge Summary

The City of Anna, Texas serves as the gateway or front porch of Collin County. As one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, Anna is a full service community with over 21,000 neighbors. When first platted in 1883 Anna had a population of 22 stores, a steam gristmill, post-office and church. By the early 2000s the population rose to a few thousand people looking for an affordable place to call home. Maintaining a hometown feel despite our rapid growth requires a commitment to maintaining flora and fauna. The City of Anna is committed to promoting the cause of the monarch butterfly and other pollinators with the signing of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge.

Action Items Committed for 2023

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.
- 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

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Nate Pike	2023	2/28/2023	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.).

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560

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.)

342

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.

0.37

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?

All programming is free or low cost (under $5) and held at a variety of sites through out the community.

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

To respond to the need to protect our natural wildlife and insect through education and intentional planning of public spaces.

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?

Our community resources have been the greatest help so far. Being able to connect with experts in the field

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

Our prairie restoration garden just bloomed this summer providing many beautiful plants for our pollinators to enjoy.

Selected Action Items

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Date of Proclamation:

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

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.

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

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

Community enhancement and compliance and parks maintenance

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

A prairie restoration garden was added to the parks in an area that would have been mowed previously. It is now left in its natural vegetative state to provide a place for pollinators to thrive.

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)

100 tree saplings

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?

The Best Buddies (Adults with special needs) program assisted with preparing the saplings for giveaway.

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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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).

Signs in the prairie garden depict the types of flowers and plants that can be found in a North Texas prairie and the types of animals and insects that live there.

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