Borough of Malvern

Malvern, PA

Mayor Zeyn Uzman

Pledge Summary

Malvern is a small borough in southeastern Pennsylvania with a population of roughly 3,000 covering approximately one square mile of Chester County. The Borough is home to many open spaces including Randolph Woods and the site of the Paoli Massacre that occurred during the Revolutionary War. Mayor Uzman of the Borough of Malvern has committed to saving the monarch butterfly and other pollinators with the signing of the mayors' Monarch Pledge and looks forward to engaging residents in building more pollinator habitat throughout the borough.

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 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.
- 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

- 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.
- Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants along roadsides, medians, or public rights-of-way.
- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.
- Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

Systems Change

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- Launch, expand, or continue an effort to change municipal planting ordinances and practices to include more native milkweed and native nectar producing plants at city properties.
- 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
Mayor Pete Papadopoulos	2026	3/26/2026	
Mayor Zeyn Uzman	2025	3/31/2025	Signatories
Mayor Zeyn Uzman	2024	12/13/2023	Leadership Circle
Mayor Zeyn Uzman	2023	3/28/2023	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.).

2000

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.)

500

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.

0.1

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.

Community gardens, right-of-ways, medians, common areas and public parks

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

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Not applicable

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

We have a very active Environmental Action Committee in the Borough

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?

we have been fortunate to receive donations from the community plus an active public works department to help create and maintain the flower beds

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

We have expanded the number of gardens and have budgeted more money for 2025 to expand more

Selected Action Items

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.

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.

Launch, expand, or continue an effort to change municipal planting ordinances and practices to include more native milkweed and native nectar producing plants at city properties.

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

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

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.

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If this action is In Progress, please describe your progress and a target date when you plan to complete action.

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

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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.)

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

This year we continued our education of the need for milkweed plants for the monarch in our newsletter.

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.

Public works, EAC and the Mayor have expanded our gardens for milkweeds

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

Another garde was planted on the south side of Borough hall. This was done by Public Works and has been maintained by both the Mayor and EAC

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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.

EAC Mayor

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

EAC has maintained and planned flower beds throughout the Borough

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)

300 plant, 200 seed packets

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?

EAC, Parks and Rec Committee

Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

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

20

What species were collected or propagated?

milkweed

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

EAC, Parks and Rec Committee

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

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We collected the seeds and distributed at an event in the park.

Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.

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)

North and south of Borough Hall and in the medians of the Borough Hall parking lot

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

Mayor and EAC

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.

0.1

Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants along roadsides, medians, or public rights-of-way.

Where are the medians, roadsides and public rights-of-way? (Please provide an address or coordinates, if possible, or describe the location)

plants have been planted in the median islands along West King Street

How many milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants were planted? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

100

What is the total acreage of median and public right-of-way that has been planted with milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants? Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

0.1

Please describe the maintenance schedule for these planted areas.

Spring planting. Watered daily during the drought. In the fall, the seeds were collected, some distributed in place. Dead vegetation was removed

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

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

EAC and public works

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

20

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

I suggested the area to expand out gardens and a Master Gardener designed it.

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

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

PLanning Commission and EAC

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

We are looking at current Ordinances

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in progress

If this action is In Progress, please describe your progress and a target date when you plan to complete action.

Goal is to complete this in the spring of 2025

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