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 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.)
- 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.
- Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.
- Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants along roadsides, medians, or public rights-of-way.

Systems Change

- 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

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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.).

25

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.)

15

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.

0.25

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. Expanded on existing plantings

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

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?

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we have been fortunate to receive donations from the community plus an active public work. I would like to see more money budgeted for plants and to expand the program into the Randolph Woods Nature Preserve.s 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 gardens around the Borough hall and in the traffic islands in the Borough

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:

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

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).

We have maintained public awareness in the quarterly newsletter and social media.

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.

The EAC and Parks and Recreation help inform the community.

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

EAC maintains the gardens around Borough Hall. Parks and Recreation distributes seeds at the annual spring event. The mayor maintains the flowerbeds in the traffic islands.

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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 plant, 200 seed packets

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

75

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)

25

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.

The EAC collected the milkweed seeds and distributed them at a Parks and Rec event. Additionally, the sees were spread in the existing meadows in the Borough

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)

New pollinator friendly flowerbeds were created along the fence along Warren Avenue in front of Borough Hall. Additionally, more plants were placed in median flower beds along West King Street

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

30

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.

The plants are watered daily during the dry season. In the fall, after the majority of seeds have been eaten by birds, the plants are cut back.

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?

EAC and an independent group of residents are looking at the amount of light pollution in the Borough. Currently, this group is mapping out location of all Borough owned lighting, decorative street lights, overhead cobra lights, landscape lighting. Based on this mapping, lights that overlap or are redundant will be proposed to be removed. The Borough ordinance already addresses down lighting, removing up lighting. The committee will look at other recommended ways to reduce the light pollution in the Borough and make a report to the entire Council in 2026

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

in progress

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.

not applicable

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

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