Town of Bristol

Bristol, RI

Town Administrator Steven Contente

Pledge Summary

Bristol, Rhode Island is nestled between the Narragansett and Mt. Hope Bay with a population of roughly 22,000. Bristol serves as the hub for activity in the East Bay region. Each year, visitors from around the world are drawn to Bristol for its historic sites, community events and scenic coastline and parks. Town Administrator, Steve Contente, has committed to saving the monarch butterflies and other pollinators with his signing of the Mayor's Pledge and looks forward to engaging residents in building more pollinator habitats throughout the town.

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

Program and Demonstration Gardens

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

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Town Administrator Steven Contente	2023	3/31/2023	

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.).

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.)

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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.

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.

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

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

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?

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

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):

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

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

Pollinator Garden Sign.jpg

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)

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This demonstration garden is located in front of The Town Hall. Pollinator-friendly plants have been planted with more to come in the coming weeks!

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

Principle Planner, Ed Tanner | Tree Warden, Steve Saracino | Conservation Commission, Lee Ann Freitas

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

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

The goal of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge was shared with Bristol's Conservation Commission and Tree Warden. The Tree Warden ensured that pollinator-friendly plants were planted in our garden at Town Hall. The Conservation Commission has ensured that within the preserved areas around town, nectar-producing plants and milkweed variations are present to encourage Monarchs to thrive.

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