Borough of Mountain Lakes

Mountain Lakes, NJ

Mayor Khizar Sheikh

Pledge Summary

Mountain Lakes NJ is a borough in Morris County with a strong history and commitment to protecting our environment and wildlife habitats.

Action Items Committed for 2024

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.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Khizar Sheikh	2024	12/21/2023	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.).

500

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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30

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

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.

We have not tracked this year. This was our first year focusing on the pledge and raising awareness. We will focus on pocket parks and borough park areas. Milkweed is being planted.

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

We will look in to this for next year.

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

Mountain Lakes has a rich history of preserving land and keeping public and private lands open to wildlife.

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?

Suggested activities that can be put in to place.

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

We are beginning and hope to have a successful program.

Selected Action Items

Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.

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

May 2024 Mountain Lakes Garden Club Native Plant Sale.jpg

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How many plants were sold and/or given away at your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

50+

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

15

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

https://patch.com/new-jersey/parsippany/calendar/event/20240511/45585163-a074-4e4f-931a-cfca52537e56/garden-club-of-mountain-lakes-plant-sale?utm_source=shared-email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=share

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:

November 13, 2024

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

Proclamation

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

2024 ML Pledge.pdf

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Monarch Butterflies Month 2024 Proclamation.pdf

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

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Monarch Butterflies Month 2024 Proclamation.pdf

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

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Mountain Lakes Mayor, Mountain Lakes Woodlands Committee, Governor of New Jersey.

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

0.17

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

Common milkweed was given away to twenty people who responded to the New Jersey newspaper article about the New Jersey Proclamation making October Monarch Butterflies Month. https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/environment/2024/10/06/october-is-monarch-butterflies-month-in-nj-thanks-to-local-scout/75381584007/

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

How many garden signs are being displayed and where are they located? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

1.01

Please describe the educational information on the sign(s), and provide any links to externally purchased sign(s).

Certified wildlife habitat now displayed at Thorleif Fiflit Bird Sanctuary, which was certified by NWF. See article.
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