City of St. Marys

St. Marys, OH

Mayor Joe Hurlburt

Pledge Summary

The people of St. Marys are proud of their past and look forward to the future with enthusiasm and excitement. Our descendants are primarily of German, English and Irish descent. Our heritage gives us an uncompromising work ethic and a strong sense of moral value and purpose. Civic pride is important in St. Marys and our residents have many opportunities to be involved in the community. We believe being involved in the monarch and pollinator conservation program will give our citizens another opportunity to get involved with a worthwhile project as well as educating them on the needs of such programs.

Action Items Committed for 2024

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Joe Hurlburt	2025	1/27/2025	
Mayor Joe Hurlburt	2024	3/8/2024	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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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.

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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.

Our largest plot is located just south of our largest public park. I'd say during the week when all the youth sports are taking place, I guess that nearly 100 cars pass by the plot on a regulas basis.

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

Sine this is our first year, we will look at how we can move into low-income sectors of the city.

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

Obviously to create a habitat for the monarch butterfly. A member of out team released around 20-30 monarchs in this area. Also pollinator plots not only beautify the area but also reduces the amount of mowing by our employees.

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?

American Meadows has been a great resourse for seeds and well as the Mayor's Monarch Butterfly website. Webinars are always a big help. I'd like to see more material that can be handed out during talks or workshops.

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

One thing that we saw at our plot was family pictures was taken with the colorful flowers being used as a backdrop.

Selected Action Items

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

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

On average about 45 different plants including both flowers and vegetables.

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

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

Community library, Kevin O'Neill gave a presentation on "Farming for Pollinators."

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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

Pollinator sign 1.jpg

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

Pollinator sign 2.jpg

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).

The signs indicate that the plot is a City pollinator plot and that it is not to be mowed or sprayed. This is a local marketing company that designed the signs. https://freedomdam.com/

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

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Pollinator Plot 01.jpg

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Pollinator Plot 6.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)

The location is directly south of our largest city recreational area. It runs parallel to the St. Marys River Has a few standing trees and is an ideal place for monarchs to call home. An individual who collects monarch eggs, has released hundreds of monarchs released over 30 monarch butterflies in this pollinator plot.

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

We sought advice from Mike Lee who has many many years developing and advising how to start pollinator plots. He suggested the types of seeds to plant as well as when to plant for maximum growth.

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.

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