# City of St. Marys

St. Marys, OH

Mayor Joe Hurlburt

## Pledge Summary

The monarch butterfly is a symbol of resilience, migration, and the delicate balance of nature. By taking the Mayor's Monarch Pledge, the City of St. Marys not only contributes to the survival of monarchs but also fosters a deeper connection with the environment and each other. Each individual action, whether it's planting milkweed, reducing pesticide use, or spreading awareness, adds up to create a lasting impact. This pledge is more than a commitment to butterflies—it's a promise to the land we share and the future we build together. Through collective care and respect for all living creatures, we empower our community to thrive, just like the monarchs that inspire us.

## Action Items Committed for 2025

### Communications and Convening

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

- Convert vacant lots to monarch habitat.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

## Past Pledge Archive

| Mayor Name | Program Year | Pledge Date | Achievement |
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| 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.**

We had a small lot that an Eagle Scout had developed, but once he left scouting we cleaned up the space and replanted with milkweed and other pollinator flowers with a local girl scout troop.

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

Have not perused that demographic as of yet.

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

Because the Mayor is an avid outdoor and wildlife enthusiast.

**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?**

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?**

We were happy to educate and assist in the planting of native American plants and milkweed at a newly established pollinator plot

## Selected Action Items

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## Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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

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

4

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

Not really an educational sign but indicates that this is a pollinator plot which is not to be "mowed" or "sprayed"

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

## Convert vacant lots to monarch habitat.

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**Where is the monarch habitat located? (Please provide an address, if possible)**

Mill Park High St. St. Marys Ohio

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

Local Girl Scout Troop

**What is the total acreage of land that has been converted? Please limit your answer to only the number of acres in the answer field below (e.g., 2 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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**How many lots were converted to monarch habitat? Please limit your answer to only the number of lots in the answer field below (e.g., 3)**

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**Please describe when the lots were converted to monarch habitat and the planned maintenance schedule.**

This took place in the Spring/early summer of 2025

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