City of Richmond Hill

Richmond Hill, GA

Mayor Russ Carpenter

Pledge Summary

Richmond Hill, Georgia is a quiet family community, located just minutes south of metropolitanSavannah. The city of nearly 17,000 residents retains a small-town charm and offers citizens a diminished crime rate, outstanding educational opportunities, community services, recreational facilities, and beautiful scenery. Visitors are impressed by its southern charm, rich history, variety of outdoor adventures, fishing, and great local seafood. With its distinctive history and scenic beauty, Richmond Hill is coastal Georgia living at its finest.

Action Items Committed for 2025

Communications and Convening

- Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

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
Mayor Kristi Cox	2026	4/30/2026	
Mayor Russ Carpenter	2025	4/7/2025	Signatories
Mayor Russ Carpenter	2024	3/11/2024	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.

Containers at City Hall

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

We engaged with a diverse audience of elementary students in Richmond Hill.

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

Educate residents

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?

N/A

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

We engaged in planting a pollinator friendly garden at City Hall and educating students within Bryan County Schools.

Selected Action Items

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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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)

City Hall

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

N/A

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

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

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

Mayor Carpenter engaged with local elementary school students at Carver Elementary.

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

Carver Elementary, Bryan County Schools

How many individuals were engaged in this effort? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only, e.g. 50).

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Please describe the community art project that was implemented in your community and how it contributed to cultural awareness and recognition (e.g., number of art installations, type of art).

Students were encouraged to write letters and draw artwork about the Monarch butterfly.

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