City of Plantation

Plantation, FL

Mayor Nick Sortal

Pledge Summary

In the City of Plantation's mission statement, the city expresses its commitment to responsible environmental stewardship. The city continues to encourage residents to utilize native landscape, conserve water, and support the south Florida ecosystem.

Action Items Committed for 2025

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.
- Engage with city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.

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.

Systems Change

- Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals that are harmful to monarchs and pollinators and urban wildlife.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Nick Sortal	2026	1/27/2026	
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Mayor Nick Sortal	2024	3/22/2024	Signatories

Action Items

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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.).

2000

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.)

250

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.

0.25

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.

The City has a butterfly garden adjacent to the museum/libaray

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

Information was shared with all residents participating in the City's Earth Day event

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

The City is working to raise its environmental awareness and sustainability efforts.

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?

Time!

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

The City distributed butterfly friendly seeds packets at its Earth Day event and is continuing to develop a sustainability plan.

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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:

March 27, 2024

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

Mayor's Monarch Pledge Day

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

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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 City encourages native plantings whenever possible. Additionally, the City's Parks Department has undertaken an initiative to plant more pollinator gardens within the City.

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

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

approximately 500 seed packets

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

2000

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

Giveaway took place at the City's Earth Day event. Seed packages were distributed by the City's Sustainability and Resiliency Advisory Board.

Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals that are harmful to monarchs and pollinators and urban wildlife.

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

Staff have received training on pesticides/herbicides and the City is preparing handouts for public education.

What is the status of this action? Please limit your answer to either "complete" or "in progress" in the answer field below.

Parks staff is increasing the number of pollinator gardens which emphasizes the need to be sensitive to herbicide/pesticide applications.

Engage with city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.

How many community organizations and groups participated? Please list them below.

The City's Park Department is working on adding pollinator gardens to city parks (we have 42). They are working with interested residents, and we are exploring adding this to summer camp curriculum.

Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and revisions/maintenance implemented for mowing or planting programs.

Currently this is a staff initiative that we hope will expand to include interested residents as well as those active with the City's community garden.

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

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 City continues to work to identify appropriate locations.

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

At present this is is a staff initiative

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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