Town of Hyde Park

Hyde Park, NY

Town Supervisor Alfred Torreggiani

Pledge Summary

The Town of Hyde Park registered with the NWF's Comunity Wildlife Habitat program on Earth Day 2016 to focus on pollinator and native plant choices, to conserve our wildlife, and to work with our community organizations involved with beautification, community gardening, landscape archaeology, and horticultural education. Taking the Mayor's Monarch Pledge aligns perfectly with our community goals. We have installed pollinator gardens that provide both host and feeder plants for the Monarch butterflies.

Action Items Committed for 2026

Communications and Convening

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

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

Systems Change

- Launch, expand, or continue an effort to change municipal planting ordinances and practices to include more native milkweed and native nectar producing plants at city properties.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Town Supervisor Alfred Torreggiani	2026	4/6/2026	
Town Supervisor Alfred Torreggiani	2025	3/6/2025	Signatories
Town Supervisor Alfred Torreggiani	2024	3/31/2024	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.).

100

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.)

50

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.

Shared public spaces: town hall and recreation park/playground

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

We provide outreach at the town Community Day events. Many low-income and families of color attend these events.

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

We live in an area rich in history, the birthplace and life-long home of President Frankiln Delano Roosevelt. The Monarch Pledge program is conservation bsed, and one that FDR would be proud to see fulfilled in his hometown.

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?

Continue to offer workshops/lectures at the free public library.

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

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We saw so many Monarchs at our three native plant gardens. The one garden is located at the town recreation playground. It was wonderful to see so many families and children experience seeing the Monarch life cycle in the garden.

Selected Action Items

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.

We collaborated with a local group, Hyde Park Plant Swappers. At this event we had the opportunity to speak to participants about the benefits of native plants.

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)

We collaborated with a local group, Hyde Park Plant Swappers. We gave way natives that we had winter sown: hyssop, milkweed, asters.

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

60

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

Hyde Park Free Library, Hyde Park Plant Swappers

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)

Hyde Park Town Hall: 4383 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538; Hackett Hill Playground, 59 E Market Street, Hyde Park, NY 12538

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

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The Town Supervisor, Al Torregiani, supported our efforts.

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.

0.5

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

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

The Hyde Park Town Hall Supervisor, Al Torregiani and the Director of Parks and Recreation, Bob Holland.

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

150

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

We installed two native pollinator gardens. One is at the Town Hall.. a prime location because it is located on the main street in town and is in a highly visible location. The second is at our town recreation site, also high visibility, and frequented daily by town residents. We have volunteers help with weeding and maintaining the gardens.

Launch, expand, or continue an effort to change municipal planting ordinances and practices to include more native milkweed and native nectar producing plants at city properties.

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

Our town supervisor, Al Torregiani, has supported our installation of native milkweed and nectar-producing plants on the grounds of the town hall. This provides a visual of what native pollinator gardens look like for our town residents, further continuing to promote gardening for wildlife and sustainable practices.

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

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If this action is In Progress, please describe your progress and a target date when you plan to complete action.

Our garden beds are complete and signage has been ordered. We will meet with town council members to discuss planting ordinances, and hope to complete this action by end of year.

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