City of Adel

Adel, IA

Mayor James F. Peters

Pledge Summary

Adel is the county seat of Dallas County in the state of Iowa. It was established in 1847 and has grown over the years to a population of roughly 6,500. The Raccoon River Valley Trail runs through Adel and has a large forested area surrounding the trail that is home to many flora and fauna. Adel has beautiful parks, including the large city-centered Evans Park, that have natural habitats for the monarch butterfly community. There are multiple community gardens throughout Adel, including one outside the Adel Library that the Friends of the Library are dedicated to building a habitat for the monarch community. Mayor Peters joins the Friends of the Library and the citizens of Adel in a pledge to encourage growth and rehabilitation of the monarch community in the City of Adel.

Action Items Committed for 2024

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 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

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

Systems Change

- Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Jim Peters	2025	1/9/2025	

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Mayor James F. Peters	2024	4/24/2024	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.).

20

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.)

8

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.

1

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.

parks, roadsides

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

All are welcome to participate. Volunteers very in income and race.

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

A library board member suggested we get something in place, and I'm glad that she did.

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?

This process of reporting is very easy to do and user friendly.

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

We are very proud of our 2 newly established areas

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:

April 9, 2024

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

Proclamation

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

04-09-2024 Monarch Proclamation 2024.pdf

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

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

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

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

Girl Scouts

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

15

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

12-15 plants area established in the butterfly garden. Pictures attached in another section of this report.

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.

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

None

Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and their monarch butterfly conservation efforts.

None

Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.

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

None

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

none

If this action is Complete, please include the date it was completed and share a 1-2 sentence description. Please include a copy of the policy by uploading or linking below.

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none

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

none

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

Worked with Girl Scout Troop on a Butterfly Garden project. Nectar producing plants were chosen for butterfly and monarch beneficial plants. Mostly coneflower and tickseed plants. Also some wild roses.

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