Roseto Borough

Roseto, PA

Mayor Ilene Tillman

Pledge Summary

We are a very small community. But we have at our park, with Council's approval, and area that we could put in a pollinators' garden. It would be out of the area of play, and yet it is in a clear woodland area. We will try to have the Girl Scouts help out with this project.

Action Items Committed for 2024

Communications and Convening

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

Systems Change

- Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Ilene Tillman	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

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number of individuals reached in the answer field below (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only.).

30

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.)

20

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.

.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.

Public park

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

We have reached out through social media and word of mouth asking any who would like to have a part were welcome to come out and share in the work and fun.

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

Create a garden in a community park that had been overgrown with weeds.

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?

We have had several garden centers make donations to our project. A Penn State Master Gardener was helpful with plant suggestions and planting strategies.

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

We will continue to make improvements as we maintain what we have done this past year

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Selected Action Items

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?

Mayor of community, Girl Scout troop, Penn State Master Gardener

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

60

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

We worked really hard. A lot of time was spent in prepping the area, planting , and making it look pleasing to the visitor

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.

Several Girl Scout families hatched several monarch butterflies and released them in the garden and have now decided to become involved with the process and have bought plants for bought plants for their residents

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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

0

Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.

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

Girl Scouts, mayor, Penn State Master Gardener, public works manager

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

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We won’t have an ordinance, but in the park area we will be placing a fence around the garden to prevent any mowing in the garden. Hoping to get a grant for the fence and have it professionally installed by August 2025

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.

girl scouts, master gardeners

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

Girl Scouts, a couple of families and myself that worked with the Master Gardener from the Penn State extension. We talked with several Local greenhouse owners to find the best varieties of plants for our planting zone and the plants that were liked by butterflies and other pollinators. The Master met regularly with the group and worked with the mayor many days prepping, planting, and cleanup at the end of summer as we prepped for fall months. The area where the garden is located belongs to the borough and it is in the community recreational park. It is small area that was left to growing weeds. It is perfect for our garden because it gets sun, but yet is has a smaller wooded section in the backside. It is out of high traffic yet close enough for visitors of the park to get to. We received donations of mulch from a landscaper, a local hardware store donated a birdbath, Walmart and Lowe’s donated over $100 each in plants, community residents also donated plants to the garden from their own gardens, and another individual donated pea gravel to place throughout the garden area to prevent weed growth

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.

Mayor, Girl Scouts Troops, and Penn State Master Gardener

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

A garden was established with the Girl Scouts and Master Gardeners. The area where the garden is located belongs to the borough and it is in the community recreational park. Mowing will be regulated to promote habitat.

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