Village of Tuxedo Park

Tuxedo Park, NY

Mayor Marc Citrin

Pledge Summary

Tuxedo Park is a village in Orange County, NY with a population of approximately 645. Quoting from Stuart J. McGregor's book, "The Wee Wah Beach Club in Tuxedo Park": "Much has been written about the founding of Tuxedo Park established by Pierre Lorillard IV in 1886 as a retreat for sporting activities with friends and family. It was also developed as a refuge from the formalities of social life in New York, and as a spring, fall, and winter getaway." The Village maintains a very strong connection to nature. Indeed, nature is integral to this Village. The lakes, hills, trails, trees and wildlife, including bald eagles, are treasured by one and all. The Village of Tuxedo Park is pleased to join the effort to save the monarch butterfly and other pollinators with the signing of the Mayor's Pledge and we very much look forward to engaging residents in aiding in this noble cause.

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.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

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

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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.

Community Gardens, schools, private residences

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

All people who live in this area are invited.

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

We care about the environment and all the creatures who live in this world. Once they're gone, they're gone forever. We don't want that to ever happen if it can be avoided.

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?

"Calls to action" are always helpful to not only raise awareness of current issues, but to take action and make an impact.

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

We will keep on planting native flowers and milkweed to help the monarch butterflies as we continue to educate the public about the importance of protecting our pollinators, providing habitat for them and avoiding the use of harmful pesticides.

Selected Action Items

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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.

Our tree advisory board and local garden club work together to keep residents abreast of relevant environmental issues and concerns. Both organizations interact with locals schools in the community including hosting educational events and native tree plantings on Earth Day and Arbor Day alike. They have organized a spring clean up and planting of some neglected garden beds at a local school where many invasive plants were removed and replaced by native seedlings including milkweed, lupine, echinacea and helianthus. An eco-newsletter is emailed to residents quarterly, touching on important issues of concern, including the decline of the monarch butterfly and how residents can help support pollinators. And physical mailings have also been used to try to educate the public and spread awareness about issues of concern, one even including seed packets of milkweed.

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)

Hundreds of milkweed seeds were handed out.

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

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

Local schools, town elects men and garden clubs

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 24, 2025

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

Mayor's Monarch Pledge

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

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