Town of Huntersville

Huntersville, NC

Mayor Christy Clark

Pledge Summary

Huntersville, NC, is a vibrant and growing town in North Mecklenburg County, known for its charming blend of modern amenities and natural beauty. Huntersville offers a high quality of life for residents and visitors with a strong sense of community, excellent shopping and dining, and access to beautiful parks and green spaces. Our commitment to monarch and pollinator conservation stems from our dedication to preserving the town's natural beauty and ecological health. By protecting pollinator habitats, planting native species, and promoting sustainable practices, we aim to support biodiversity and ensure a thriving environment for future generations. Huntersville's green spaces provide the perfect opportunity to foster conservation efforts that benefit wildlife and the community.

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 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

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

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 Christy Clark	2026	4/13/2026	
Mayor Christy Clark	2025	3/5/2025	

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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.).

300

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.)

125

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.

school and greenways

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

A park we have planned is still in progress.

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

We are interested in engaging the community in the importance of protecting the monarch butterfly.

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?

Easy access to data and information.

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

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We are working to engage schools and churches to plant milkweed in common 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:

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

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.

Parks and recreation and public works.

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)

This is in progress. Our new town hall was just completed.

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

Town Manager and Public Works

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

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

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

I worked with the Town Manager.

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

In progress.

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.

N/A

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

Our new town hall is construction is complete. When spring arrives, we will plant milkweed seeds.

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