# City Of Huber Heights

Huber Heights, OH

Mayor Jeff Gore

## Pledge Summary

The City Of Huber Heights is a vibrant suburb of Dayton, Ohio. Home to 43,000 residents, the City maintains over 200 acres of park space. Mayor Gore of Huber Heights has committed to engaging City Staff and residents in the pursuit of creating pollinator friendly areas of 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.
- Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods. (If you have community members who speak a language other than English, we encourage you to also communicate in that language; Champion Pledges must communicate in that language.)
- 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.

### Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

## Past Pledge Archive

| Mayor Name | Program Year | Pledge Date | Achievement |
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| Mayor Jeff Gore | 2026 | 1/28/2026 | |
| Mayor Jeff Gore | 2025 | 3/17/2025 | 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.).**

200

**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.)**

10

**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.**

Parks

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

The addition and expansion of beds has included informational signage to reach all community members using parks, in addition the free plant giveaway helps to remove financial barriers.

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

We are seeking to become a more sustainable an environmentally friendly community.

**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?**

The website has been a great tool to find information and inspiration

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

We are just getting started and plan to continue these efforts for future years!

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## Selected Action Items

### Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods. (If you have community members who speak a language other than English, we encourage you to also communicate in that language; Champion Pledges must communicate in that language.)

**Please describe the methods of public communication below (e.g., printed materials, social media, print media).**

### 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.**

### Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

**What is the total acreage of land treated to remove invasive plants? Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.**

**Please describe the extent of revisions or maintenance to invasive species removal programs, as well as the practices or techniques used to remove the invasive plants.**

### 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:**

3/24/2025

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

Huber Heights Pollinator Day Mayoral Proclamation

**Upload a copy of your proclamation.**

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

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

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**How many plants were sold and/or given away at your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)**

150

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

131

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

Huber Heights Parks and Recreation Department, Huber Hights Senior Center, Huber Heights Parks and Recreation Board

## 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.

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

City of Huber Heights Parks and Recreation Department Parks and Recreation Board Eagle Scouts Chaminade Julienne Catholic High School

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

The City of Huber Heights has entered into an agreement with the local Rotary Club to rename a park, "Rotary Monarch Park." The Rotary Club will be using local eagle scouts and high school students to help them revitalize and expand existing pollinator beds at their adopted park.

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