City of Milton

Milton, WI

Mayor Anissa Welch

Pledge Summary

The City of Milton, located in southern Wisconsin with a population of approximately 5,687, is dedicated to preserving and enhancing natural habitats for pollinators. The City offers numerous parks and a community garden for public enjoyment. As part of this commitment, Milton has established prairie habitats to support native plant species and pollinators. Crossridge Park features a 4-acre prairie where an annual prairie seed collection event is held to promote community involvement and sustainability. Additionally, Bendlin Prairie at Tower Hill Park further expands habitat opportunities for pollinators. Mayor Welch has demonstrated the City’s dedication to protecting monarch butterflies and other vital pollinators by signing the Mayors' Monarch Pledge. This pledge reinforces Milton’s commitment to conservation efforts that support healthy ecosystems and protect these essential species for future generations.

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.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

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 Eric Stockman	2026	3/18/2026	
Mayor Anissa Welch	2025	3/18/2025	Signatories

Action Items

Created with the DynamicPDF Essentials Edition. [u158:v1.14.0.49966]

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.).

1000

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.)

50

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.

0

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.

The habitats have been created in the City Parks - previous years.

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

We are offering educational opportunities through our seed pick events - no cost.

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

In short, it helps Milton by keeping our environment healthy, bringing the community together, and showing that we're a city that cares about sustainability and making our town a beautiful place to live.

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?

I would like to see more example posters and social media that may used - also examples of projects.

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

Created with the DynamicPDF Essentials Edition. [u158:v1.14.0.49966]

No additional information.

Selected Action Items

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

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

Ordinance #551- Amending Ch. 26 - Sec. 26-71 and Creating Sec. 26-73 (Weeds and Wild Growth).pdf

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

Parks & Recreation Commission along with Common Council

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

Complete

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.

The weed ordinance was updated in December 2024.

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:

06/17/2025

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

Monarch Butterfly Month

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Proclamation - Monarch Butterfly Month.pdf

Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

Created with the DynamicPDF Essentials Edition. [u158:v1.14.0.49966]

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

485827446_1057979369703475_2379992034585832817_n.jpg

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

10

What species were collected or propagated?

Multiple

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

The City engaged with the Parks & Recreation Commission along with the Public Works Department for the event.

Please describe the milkweed seed collection and propagation effort that you hosted.

The City of Milton partnered with David Bendlin to collect prairie seed to plant on residents property and other areas within the City.

Created with the DynamicPDF Essentials Edition. [u158:v1.14.0.49966]