City of Milton

Milton, WI

Mayor Eric Stockman

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 2026

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

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

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.).

500

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.

None

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

The milkweed seed collection program is free and open to all members of the community, ensuring that everyone has an opportunity to participate regardless of income or background. Through the Mayors' Monarch Pledge program, we encourage residents of all ages and backgrounds to get involved in local conservation efforts. By eliminating participation costs and promoting an inclusive, hands-on activity, the program provides an accessible opportunity for residents to learn about monarch butterfly conservation, contribute to habitat restoration, and become actively involved in protecting our local environment.

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

The City of Milton's participation in the Mayors' Monarch Pledge program has been driven by the commitment of our Parks and Recreation Commission members and community volunteers to protecting pollinators and enhancing local natural habitats.

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?

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The Parks and Recreation Commission volunteers have been the most helpful along with a volunteer from the City. They have made it possible to continue the effort and express their support for the continuation of the programs. We would like to see more available resources (social media templates, flyers, etc) to help with sharing the mission.

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

None

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:

06/16/2026

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

Monarch Butterfly Month

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Proclamation - Monarch Butterfly Month.pdf

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)

The Crossridge Park is located at 1360 North Parkview Drive in the City of Milton and has a prairie at the park. This is one of two different prairies in the City.

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

City Parks & Recreation Commission - Milton Public Library - Crossridge Park committee

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

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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.

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Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

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

10

What species were collected or propagated?

Milkweed, purple coneflower, and native grass seeds

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 seed pod is held in one hand while the other hand is used to gently brush the seeds from the pod into a collection container. This method allows the seeds to be collected in a controlled manner while minimizing the amount of surrounding plant material gathered.

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