City of Northglenn

Northglenn, CO

Mayor Meredith Leighty

Pledge Summary

The City of Northglenn is located just 15 minutes north of Denver, CO with approximately 39,000 residents. The city has committed to protecting nature, as noted by being a Tree City USA for over 34 years. To further the City of Northglenn's commitment for preserving our city parks, trails and open spaces, the city has committed time and resources into saving the monarch butterfly and other pollinators with the signing of the Mayor's pledge, pollinator friendly plantings and annual resident education and engagement.

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 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.
- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.
- Launch or maintain an outdoor education program(s) (e.g., at schools, after-school programs, community centers and groups) that builds awareness and creates habitat by engaging students, educators, and the community in planting native milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Schoolyard Habitats program and Monarch Mission curriculum).
- Initiate or support community science (or citizen science) efforts that help monitor monarch migration and health.
- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Meredith Leighty	2026	5/7/2026	

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Mayor Meredith Leighty	2025	3/18/2025	Leadership Circle

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.).

225

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.)

100

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.

0.07

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.

Public Parks and Open Spaces (both flower beds and pollinator gardens), Rights-of-ways, and trails

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

Our pollinator and Monarch Butterfly conservation efforts strive to have the pollinator gardens in prominent areas that are accessible by all communities within our diverse city. The pollinator garden at Fox Run is through the heart of one of our open spaces that is immediately adjacent to neighborhoods of diverse income and communities of color. The Fox Run Open Space is also directly adjoined to the RTD train line system and Northglenn station. This allows for immediate and direct access to low-income residents. Our pollinator garden at EB Rains Jr Memorial Park is in the heart of our city and directly adjacent to public transit, dense housing, and multistory apartments that house many of our marginalized community groups of immigrant, disabled, low-income, and communities of color.

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

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Our Mayor, Meredith Leighty, directly advocated requesting our community's participation in the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. Her desire to see a resurgence in pollinators and support the Monarch butterfly's migration propelled our city's multi-department and community groups partnerships.

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?

One of our most successful resources were community groups that were already interested in citizen science, garden groups, and local conservationists that were looking for ways to plug into their passion for pollinators. Leveraging this pledge gave permission to fully connect and leverage those partnerships.

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

We want to thank the National Wildlife Foundation and the Mayor's Monarch Pledge for helping us to focus on real, practical strategies that can become part of our standard operating procedures (SOPs) for how we can be more thoughtful and protective of pollinators. While we directly engaged 225 people in the hands-on work or programs noted in this report, the City of Northglenn's pollinator gardens have reached an estimated 10,000 Northglenn residents and visitors.

Selected Action Items

Initiate or support community science (or citizen science) efforts that help monitor monarch migration and health.

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

urban prairies partner.jpg

How many estimated individuals participated in your community science effort? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only, e.g. 150).

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

Butterfly Pavilion - Urban Prairies Project

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Please describe the community science program that you supported or initiated. Provide a link to any relevant programs, if possible.

The City of Northglenn has partnered with the Butterfly Pavilion's Urban Prairies Project. The citizen science that we help support is in the inventorying of native milkweed plants, numbers of monarch butterflies, numbers and diversity of other pollinators, as well as, bird species within our Fox Run Open Space - with concentration to observe the use and habitation of our pollinator garden within Fox Run Open Space. https://butterflies.org/urban-prairies-project/

Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.

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City of Northglenn Parks Department, City of Northglenn Water Quality Department, Resource Central

How many plants were planted? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

75

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

Nectar producing plants were added to several existing flower beds throughout the city. Milkweed was added to Fox Run Open Space areas. Milkweed was maintained in several native vegetation areas throughout the city Greenway trail system. A new pollinator bed at EB Rains was added via a joint effort of our Water Quality department and Parks Department via a Resource Central - Pollinator Garden in a Box kit through it's grant program.

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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

FoxRun-PollinatorSignage.pdf

How many garden signs are being displayed and where are they located? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

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Please describe the educational information on the sign(s), and provide any links to externally purchased sign(s).

The Fox Run Open Space signage includes identification of 3 main pollinators (Two-Tailed Swallowtail, American Bumblebee, Western Migrating Monarch. Further, it contains a QR code that links to pollinator resources, more information on the creatures of Fox Run, how to get involved in the pollinator projects at Fox Run and how to get involved in other local conservation projects.

Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.

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Please describe the groups you engaged with and how you engaged with these groups below.

Lead Park Ranger presented an educational nature program (04.18.25) on local Pollinators and preferred Native Vegetation at the annual "Garden Tea Party" for a group of senior gardeners (30) in Northglenn, MS. (attachments were some of the info graphics used during the program).

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:

April 22, 2025

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

Monarch Flyway Conservation Day

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Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Monarch Proclamation_2025.pdf

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

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

Fox Run Pollinator Garden.JPG

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)

Fox Run Open Space (10901 Fox Run Pkwy, Northglenn, CO 80233)- (0.05 acres); EB Rains Jr. Memorial Park, 11701 Community Center Dr., Northglenn CO 80233- (0.02 acres)

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

City of Northglenn-Parks Department, Butterfly Pavilion- Urban Prairies Project (Fox Run Pollinator Garden); City of Northglenn-Parks Department & Water Quality Departments, Resource Central (EB Rains Jr. Memorial Park Pollinator Garden)

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.

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

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Migration & Restoration Event.pdf

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

Wild Ones-native plant share.png

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

100

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

50

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

Butterfly Pavilion - Urban Prairies Project (Migration & Restoration - seed collection and distribution), Northglenn's Historic Preservation Commission and Wild Ones Natural Landscapers, Ltd (native plant giveaway and swap)

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butterfly at cityhall.JPG

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

kids with butterfly.jpg

What program was launched or maintained to complete this effort? If you are involved with another National Wildlife Federation program, please mention that below. (Please include a link to the program, if possible)

"Pollinators" by Northglenn Park Rangers

How many schools, community groups, leaders, or centers were engaged in this effort? How many of these collaborations and partnerships are "new"? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

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Please list the names of the schools you are working with.

City of Northglenn - Recreation Center & Senior Center City of Northglenn - Summer Daycamp Global Village Academy Charter School

What resources, if any, are you providing to educators?

Powerpoints, Flyers, and Presentations by Northglenn Park Rangers

How many students and educators would you estimate are being reached? Please limit your answer to only number of adults and youths engaged in the answer field (e.g., 200 students and 20 educators).

100

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

City of Northglenn Preschool Coordinator, City of Northglenn Recreation Manager, Global Village Academy

How many acres of monarch and pollinator habitat have been planted through this effort? 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.

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What is the maintenance schedule to ensure planted habitat is maintained?

These programs were designed to provide information to inspire future implementation of pollinator gardens & the importance of native pollinator plants and milkweed.

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