City of Northglenn

Northglenn, CO

Mayor Meredith Leighty

Pledge Summary

The City of Northglenn is located just 15 minutes north of Denver, CO with approximately39,000 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 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.
- Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.

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

Systems Change

- Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals that are harmful to monarchs and pollinators and urban wildlife.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Meredith Leighty	2026	5/7/2026	
Mayor Meredith Leighty	2025	3/18/2025	Leadership Circle

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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.).

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.)

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.

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.

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

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

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?

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

Selected Action Items

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.

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:

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6.15.2026

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

Monarch Flyway Conservation Day

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Monarch Pledge .docx

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

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

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

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

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

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

1600

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

400

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

Brandon and Michelle Brokate, The Butterfly Pavilion, People and Pollinators Action Network. 1,200 native plants representing 25 different species were grown by Brandon and Michelle Brokate. They organized the event and Northglenn provided support.

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.

Bioblitz flyer 2026.png

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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 and community scientist Brandon and Michelle Brokate

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

Northglenn's Park Ranger along side community scientist and the Butterfly Pavilion hosted a Community Pollinator Walk and Bioblitz. We taught participants how to use the iNaturalist application to record pollinators and plants. We held the event at our Fox Run demonstration garden.

Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals that are harmful to monarchs and pollinators and urban wildlife.

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

Goats.jpeg

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

Goat Bros

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.

5.11.2026-5.31.2026 we hosted 300 Spanish goats as a part of our 2026 Open Space Management Plan. The goats helped control noxious weeds and reduced the need to use of herbicides in our Oscar Arnold Nature Area.

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

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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)

Northglenn City Hall (11701 Community Center Dr. Northglenn CO 20233), E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park (11701 Community Center Dr., Northglenn CO 20233), Fox Run Open Space (10901 Fox Run Pkwy, Northglenn CO 80233)

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

Fox Run garden partner is The Urban Prairie Project through the Butterfly Pavilion. The other gardens are maintained by Northglenn's Parks Dept.

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