

Town of North Hempstead

Manhasset, NY

Supervisor Jennifer DeSena

Pledge Summary

The Town of North Hempstead is a suburban community located on Long Island, New York and has a population of over 200,000 residents. In 2018, the Town of North Hempstead first took the Mayors' Monarch Pledge and have taken the pledge every year since. Through the pledge, the Town has committed to and already taken many actions to help the monarch butterfly including increasing public awareness of the issue, encouraging residents to build gardens for monarchs in their homes, and creating monarch habitat on Town owned land. For more information on the Town's Sustainability Initiatives including protecting monarchs and other pollinators visit: northhempsteadny.gov/sustainability

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.
- Engage with gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters, other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.

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.
- 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.
- Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.
- Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

Systems Change

- Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city's Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Supervisor Jennifer DeSena	2026	12/3/2025	
Supervisor Jennifer DeSena	2025	12/4/2024	Leadership Circle
Supervisor Jennifer DeSena	2024	12/15/2023	Leadership Circle
Supervisor Jennifer DeSena	2023	12/7/2022	Leadership Circle

Supervisor Jennifer DeSena	2022	1/31/2022	Leadership Circle
Supervisor Judi Bosworth	2021	12/4/2020	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 (e.g., 50).

10000

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." (Only allow numerical values.)

2000

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).

0.24

Where is your habitat being created? This may include residences (yards, containers, balconies, etc.), schools, places of worship, rights-of-way, roadsides, community gardens, culturally-significant locations, shared public spaces and common areas or parks.

yards, public parks

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

We are spreading the word Town wide about monarch conservation initiatives. We have planted multiple pollinator gardens adjacent to or near Potential Environmental Justice communities (as deemed by the DEC) including at Whitney Park in Manhasset, and Gerry Park in Roslyn. These public parks are open to all residents of the Town. We are also promoting our native plant rebate program in all communities and have applicants from East Williston, Albertson, Floral Park, Manhasset Hills and New Hyde Park which are all in or adjacent to PEJ communities.

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

The Town of North Hempstead administration and residents are passionate about helping local wildlife including monarch butterflies, other pollinators and beneficial insects and invertebrates, birds, and more. Monarchs are a great umbrella species because working to protect them helps protect habitat for so many wildlife species in our area. Planting native plants for monarchs also provides many other ecological services to our community for people and wildlife, like erosion and flood control, reduction of the heat island effect, and stormwater filtering. Monarchs and native wildlife deserve to have their needs met just as much as the residents in our Town.

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 various information on native plants and wildlife you provide is great and is used in outreach materials. Additional templates for legislation such as code to reduce pesticides and to increase native plant % required in landscapes would be extremely helpful. More sample social media posts are needed. I have created my own set for each year, but it would be great to have some already created by NWF on an annual basis. Not just a few, but specific ones for each month related to monarch biology, ecology, conservation, native plants etc. More examples for each action that other communities have done would be great to give ideas of what can be done in our community.

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

The Town continues its efforts to aid monarchs on Town property as well as provide outreach to the public. We continued our native plant rebate program (<https://www.northhempsteadny.gov/np>) this year which led to the direct creation of habitat in residential yards. In 2025 we were able to help residents create ~40 new gardens. This year we also continued promoting our Pollinator Pledge (<https://northhempsteadny.gov/pollinators>) which allows property owners to commit to actions to help pollinators in their landscape.

Selected Action Items

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.

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

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

Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city's Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.

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

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

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.

If this action is In Progress, please describe your progress and a target date when you plan to complete action.

Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

How many people attended your event?

91

What species were collected or propagated?

native milkweeds, asters, goldenrods, grasses, fruiting plants

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

ReWild LI, Long Island Native Plant Initiative, Tyska Natives (local nursery), Bryant Library

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

The Town and partners hosted a virtual workshop on how to collect and propagate native plant seeds from various species. Many plants were discussed including milkweed, asters, goldenrods, grasses, and fruiting plants. In February 2026 a native seed swap is scheduled at the Bryant Library in Roslyn. We hope to get many community members involved by going out to collect seed this fall that can be swapped in February or that they will propagate and plant the seeds themselves in their yards. Also, staff from the Bryant Library plan to collect seed from Gerry Park's pollinator gardens in the upcoming weeks to use for the February seed swap event. <https://www.rewildlongisland.org/events/seed-saving-webinar> Workshop recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GHFq75v3j8>

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:

June 16, 2025

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

Town of North Hempstead Proclamation of Pollinator Week 2025

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

[Pollinator Week Proclamation 2025.jpg](#)

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.)

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

[Monarch Social Media Posts screenshots 2025.docx](#)

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

[9-29-25 Newsday article on Fall planting.pdf](#)

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

[Town e-newsletter May 9, 2025- native plant rebate program ad.pdf](#)

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

[JDS E-News 9.26.25- Invasive species- rebate program.pdf](#)

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

[JDS E-News 4.2.25- tree seedling giveaway.pdf](#)

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

[JDS E-News 10.24.25- seed collection workshop.pdf](#)

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

- Social media posts- one post per month including 1 per day posts for pollinator week June 16-22; see attachment and facebook.com/townofnorthhempstead (posts attached)
- The buzz on pollinators video- Viewers learn about the great diversity of our native pollinators, why they are so important, and how they can help them in their own backyard (this was promoted on social media): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-QbZjHxHCg>
- Press releases
 - o Native tree seedling giveaway- https://www.northhempsteadny.gov/news_detail_T7_R56.php
 - o Native rebate program- https://www.northhempsteadny.gov/news_detail_T7_R68.php
 - o Pollinator Week- https://www.northhempsteadny.gov/news_detail_T7_R82.php
- Webpages- one specifically on monarch conservation, pollinator conservation, native plants- <https://www.northhempsteadny.gov/sustainability>
- Newsletters
 - o E-news Ad -tree giveaway - attached
 - o E-news Ad -Native plant rebate program (2x)- attached
 - o E-news Ad - Native seed saving workshop- attached
- Visitors to Gardens- educational signage in many of our pollinator

gardens. • Pollinator Pledge- This is another way to reach out to not only residents, but businesses, places of worship, schools and anyone who owns property in the Town and get them to think about their landscaping practices and how they can be beneficial for monarchs and other pollinators.
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5OTcfUghyEOd0zaJ5N3Bp960NyipG4hCqDCNMW-QX19UOEM1VE9JSEUwVDU0MVJDnkFBQTdOVUtQSS4u&wdLOR=c6660AEFF-D59F-4EBD-B768-7FB4FD93BD02> • PW library Earth Day event tabling event- May 3- handed out flyers and spoke to residents on sustainability initiatives including monarch conservation • Monarch/ Native Plant Events o Native tree seedling giveaway- April 4 and 6- flyer attached o Reach out America presentation- Landscaping for People and Wildlife- April 9 (see engage with garden groups action for more information) o Composting presentation to Sands Point Garden Club- May 5- spoke about Monarch Pledge and rebate program o Native seed saving workshop- promoted collecting and propagating seeds from native plants- partnered with ReWild LI, LI Native Plant Initiative, Local nursery Tyska Natives and The Bryant Library- <https://www.rewildlongisland.org/events/seed-saving-webinar> • Rebate program/Town's native plant initiatives promoted in Newsday- 9-29-25- attached

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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

[Clark pollinator garden with new sign 8-2025.jpg](#)

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[Clark rain garden with new sign 2025.jpg](#)

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

[Clark rain garden with new sign 2025-2.jpg](#)

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

[fuschillo park pollinator garden sign.jpg](#)

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

[trial garden with sign 2 Nov. 2025.jpg](#)

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[trial garden with sign Nov. 2025.jpg](#)

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

[Gerry Park Rock Pollinator Garden Sign Oct 2020.jpeg](#)

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

[Gerry park triangular garden with sign 10-1-25.jpg](#)

How many garden signs are being displayed and where are they located?

6

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

Clark Botanic Garden –2 signs- in 2025 new signs were installed in the pollinator garden and in the rain garden that describes the benefits of each garden. Gerry Park – 2 signs- 1 in the largest pollinator garden, which has photos of plants and pollinators that are live in the garden and describes the benefits of native plants and pollinators. Another sign in one of the smaller gardens talks about benefits and where to find more info on our

website. Fuschillo Park- 1 sign similar to Gerry Park sign which has photos of plants and pollinators that are live in the garden and describes the benefits of native plants and pollinators. Native plant trial garden- 1 sign at Clark Botanic Garden - describes the purpose of the garden and provides a link to the webpage which has more info.

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

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[Apocynum cannabinum flowering 7-17-25.jpg](#)

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[Asclepias variegata flowering 7-24-25.jpg](#)

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

[Erigeron pulchellus flowering 5-13-25.jpg](#)

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

[Eupatorium hyssopifolium flowering 8-13-25.jpg](#)

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

[Lespedeza virginica flowering 9-4-25.jpg](#)

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

[Salvia lyrata flowering.jpg](#)

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[Symphyotrichum ericoides 9-4-25 flowering.jpg](#)

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

[Solidago nemoralis 9-30-25.jpg](#)

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

[Solidago puberula 9-30-25.jpg](#)

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

n/a

How many plants were planted?

16

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

In 2022, a native plant trial garden was planted in plots within the Town's community garden at Clark Botanic Garden. After 2 years of study, new native plants were added in spring 2025 including a species of milkweed. 2025 plant list: o Redring milkweed (Asclepias variegata)- 2 plants o Lyreleaf sage (Salvia lyrata)- 2 o Robin's plantain (Erigeron pulchellus)- 2 o Downy goldenrod (Solidago puberula) - 2 o White heath aster (Symphyotrichum ericoides)- 2 o Hyssopleaf thoroughwort (Eupatorium hyssopifolium) – 1 (1 rep died) o Gray goldenrod (Solidago nemoralis)- 1 (1 rep died) o Slender bush clover (Lespedeza virginica)- 2 o Hemp dogbane (Apocynum

cannabinum) - 2 The garden was monitored each week by Town Environmental Specialist, Meagan Fastuca, to look at plant growth habit and visual appeal as well as for pollinator visitors. A report will be released with details on each plant species after 2 years of monitoring. The report for the previous planting (2022-2024) can be found here: <https://cms2.revize.com/revize/townofnorthhempstead/Native%20Plant%20Trial%20Garden%20Summary%202023-2024.pdf?t=202511180932410>

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.

[bumble bee on summersweet at Plandome Pond Park.jpg](#)

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

[Plandome Park native planting 1- after planting.jpg](#)

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[Plandome Park native planting 2- after planting.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)

Pollinator gardens are being maintained at Clark Botanic Garden (193 IU Willets Road), Gerry Park (10 Papermill Road, Roslyn, NY 11576), Fuschillo Park (Carle Road, Carle Place, NY 11514), Whitney Park (133 Valley Road, Manhasset, NY 11030). A new garden was added to Plandome Pond Park this year (192 Lindberg Street, Manhasset, NY 11030). Plandome Pond Park Plant List (attach photos of planting) • *Asclepias incarnata*- Swamp milkweed- 30 plants • *Eutrochium dubium*- little joe - 30 • *Iris versicolor*- blue flag iris- 50 • *Liatris spicata* – blazingstar- 50 • *Solidago rugosa* ‘fireworks’- rough goldenrod- 50 • *Hypericum prolificum*- Shrubby St. john’s wort- 30 • *Itea virginica*- Virginia sweetspire - 30 • *Clethra alnifolia*- 15

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

Nassau Soil and Water Conservation District staff helped plant the garden at Plandome Pond Park. They also assist with removal of invasive species at Gerry Park (see invasive species question for more details).

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.

0.5

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

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

[Gerry Park IS Management Recommendations 2025.pdf](#)

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[Photo of invasive management areas at Gerry Park.png](#)

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

[PlantWise Invasive Species Brochure- added TONH Invasive webpage link.pdf](#)

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

[Invasive Species Week Social Posts 2025- pics of posts.docx](#)

What is the total acreage of land treated to remove invasive plants?

13.5

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.

• In April 2025, the Town enlisted the help of LI Invasive Species Management Area (LIISMA) staff to survey Gerry Park and create a list of invasives in the park as well as best practices to remove them (see attached). • Gerry Park: Over the years Town staff has continued to remove of porcelain berry (*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*), mugwort (*Artemisia vulgaris*), and Chinese bush clover (*Lespedeza cuneata*), multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), mulberry (*Morus alba*), common ivy (*Hedera helix*), vine honeysuckle, and field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*) from the main Gerry Park pollinator garden, which contains butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) and a variety of nectar plants for monarchs. We have expanded our efforts in 2025 to remove invasive plants throughout the park including many of the same species that inhabit the pollinator garden as well as *Phragmites australis*, knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica*), tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), and wineberry (*Rubus phoenicolasius*). See aerial photo of areas where management is taking place. All are removed by hand pulling or cutting and it is a part of regular maintenance by park staff and the Town's Environmental Specialist. Additionally, the Nassau Soil and Water District has been a partner in invasive species removal at Gerry Park. They have donated staff time and joined Town staff once a month to assist with invasive plant management. • We provide educational resources for the public including a dedicated website to invasive species included common species and resources on how to remove them and replace with native plants- <https://northhempsteadny.gov/invasive> o Provided a flyer at events on common invasive plants and native plants to use instead when gardening (attached) o This year we released NY Invasive Species Week (June 9-15) posts throughout the week (see attached).

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

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

[flyer for plant sale.png](#)

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[native plants at Clark sale.jpg](#)

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[native plants at Clark sale 2.jpg](#)

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

[TONH NativeSeedlingGiveAway Flyer \(3\).pdf](#)

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

[tree planting demo 2.jpg](#)

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

[TONHWhy Plant Native Trees Flyer- Final.pdf](#)

How many plants were sold and/or given away at your event?

370

How many people attended your event?

850

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

Native tree seedling giveaway: The Town hosted a native tree seedling giveaway for residents at Clark Botanic Garden for two days in early April. The Town's Environmental Specialist and a certified arborist with the Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District handed out the trees and were there to provide information on the tree species and how to plant and maintain them. An information sheet (see attached) was created that described the tree species and how to plant bare root trees. The certified arborist also did a planting demonstration on the proper way to plant bare root trees for attendees. Since there were some leftover trees after the April giveaway, these were handed out to those who came to the plant sale on May 10 and 11, also at Clark Botanic Garden. Almost all 300 trees were given out to residents, with a handful being planted at Clark Botanic Garden. Clark Botanic Garden Plant Sale – This was held by Fanny Dwight Clark Memorial Garden Inc. Native plants were sold there and native tree seedlings were given away.

Engage with gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters , other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.

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[Reach Out America Presentation Flyer.pdf](#)

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

[Seed-Saving Workshop 2025 Flyer Final.pdf](#)

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

6- Sands Point Garden Club, ReWild LI, LI Native Plant Initiative, Tyska Natives Nursery, The Bryant Library, Reach Out America

Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and their monarch butterfly conservation efforts.

- On May 5, Meagan Fastuca (Town Environmental Specialist) presented at Sands Point Garden Club on composting and talked about the Town's native plant/pollinator initiatives including the Town's Native Plant Rebate Program. - Native seed saving workshop- promoted collecting and propagating seeds from native plants- partnered with ReWild LI, LI Native Plant Initiative, Local nursery Tyska Natives and The Bryant Library- <https://www.rewildlongisland.org/events/seed-saving-webinar> (see more info in action on facilitating a seed collection and propagation effort). - On April 9, Meagan Fastuca presented at a meeting of the community organization, Reach Out America. The presentation was titled Landscaping for People and Wildlife and included information on how to maintain your home landscape with people and wildlife in mind, with topics like monarch and pollinator conservation, native plants and more.

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.

- Meagan Fastuca, Town Environmental Specialist, reached out to gardening clubs all over Long Island to promote the Town's native plant rebate program. - Native Plant Trial Garden: This garden is used to educate community gardeners and other residents on the best plants to install for pollinators as well as to guide the Town's future native plantings. The garden contains signage to educate community gardeners and visitors to the community garden. The garden was monitored each week to look at plant growth habit and visual appeal as well as for pollinator visitors and Town Environmental Specialist, Meagan Fastuca, talks to these gardeners and educates them on the benefits of these native species. - Meagan also presented at Sands Point Garden Club on composting and talked about the Town's native plant/pollinator initiatives including the Town's Native Plant Rebate Program.

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

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 (e.g., 150).

10

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

n/a

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

• On our Monarch Conservation webpage on the Town's website (<https://www.northhempsteadny.gov/monarchs>) we have a link to Monarch Watch's tagging program as well and the Monarch Larva Monitoring Program for residents to participate in. • Meagan Fastuca (Town Environmental Specialist) also participated in the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project by monitoring the milkweed in the Clark Botanic Garden pollinator garden each week from June to September and submitted data to the project (see results page <https://app.mlmp.org/Results/SiteResults?siteId=5919>). While monitoring, Meagan was able to educate visitors to the garden about monarchs as well. We also used social media to encourage others to participate in the project at their homes or local parks as well as using our Pollinator Pledge to encourage this by listing it as one of the actions that can be taken.