City of Mission, KS

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Mayor Sollie Flora

Pledge Summary

The City of Mission is a first ring suburb in the Kansas City metro located in northeast Johnson County. Mission has a longstanding commitment to our parks and greenspaces and promotes sustainability wherever possible. Specific examples of these actions include maintaining a native plant garden at City Hall and replacing all landscaping along our downtown business corridor with native plantings. Mayor Flora is excited to continue these efforts and more by signing the Mayors' Monarch Pledge and doing what she can to help save the monarch butterfly.

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

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

Systems Change

- Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.
- Launch, expand, or continue an effort to change municipal planting ordinances and practices to include more native milkweed and native nectar producing plants at city properties.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Sollie Flora	2026	3/6/2026	
Mayor Sollie Flora	2025	3/21/2025	Signatories

Action Items

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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.).

2200

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.)

0

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.

0.01

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.

New planting bed at our WaterWorks Park.

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

We are promoting the pledge and utilization of milkweed throughout our community. Specifically, by promoting and planting milkweed in one of our brand new parks, we hope to reach all communities in our City including marginalized who are able to take advantage of this public amenity.

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

Our Mayor was introduced to pledge and Mission considers itself a leader in all things sustainability in local government and this seemed very commensurate to that.

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?

Frankly, the resources are almost overwhelming. It's hard for us to identify practical, already implemented solutions but admittingly I probably need to devote more time to reviewing and utilizing them.

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

Nothing. It's been fun and looking forward to seeing what we can do in 2026.

Selected Action Items

Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.

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.

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:

9/17/2025

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

Mayor's Monarch Pledge

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

9.17.25 Mayor's Monarch Pledge Proclimation.docx

Launch, expand, or continue an effort to change municipal planting ordinances and practices to include more native milkweed and native nectar producing plants at city properties.

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

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Milkweed 9.18.25.jpeg

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

We have yet to undergo a review specifically related to our municipal planting ordinances. However, we are going through a comprehensive zoning code update at the moment and landscaping is a component of this we are hoping to include incorporating milkweed in with any other proposed changes. Other actions taken include adding milkweed to our preferred plant inventory for our parks and included 15 individual plantings in one our newest parks that just opened.

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

None yet.

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

In progress.

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

What is the total acreage of land treated to remove invasive plants? Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

1.5

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.

The City has a robust invasive weed program. Each bed and native planting area throughout all City owned property (primarily in our parks) gets reviewed weekly with weed pulling and spot treatment as needed. We run this program all spring through the fall.

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