City of Raymore, Missouri

Raymore, MO

Mayor Kristofer Turnbow

Pledge Summary

Raymore, Missouri is a community of more than 21,000 residents located approximately 20 miles south of the Kansas City, Missouri downtown area. With over 300 acres of parks, trails and natural areas; Raymore is dedicated to preservation of it's native greenspace and providing quality parks and recreation experiences. Mayor Turnbow and the City Council are committed to saving the monarch butterfly and other pollinators with this pledge. The City looks forward to another year creating and preserving habitats for the Monarch Butterfly.

Action Items Committed for 2021

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

Communications and Convening

- Engage with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning processes to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.
- 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.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Kristofer Turnbow	2025	4/7/2025	
Mayor Kristofer Turnbow	2021	2/19/2021	Signatories

Action Items

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.

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

The City remains dedicated to the preservation of the Monarch. Many community activists share in our goals and work alongside City Staff to continue our honoring our 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?

Our resources are sufficient.

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.).

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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.

Greenway, Linear Parks

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

No response

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.)

No response

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

A project has been approved for a 2022 native landscape project that will include monarch habitat.

Selected Action Items

Engage with city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain

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mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.

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

The City Council has approved a project request from the City parks department, public works and Parks and Recreation Board to redevelop stormwater detention ponds into a native planting areas that will incorporate monarch habitat. This project was approved by voters in 2020.

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

City parks department, public works and Parks and Recreation Board

Engage with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning processes to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.

Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and associated opportunities to create monarch habitat.

City staff have worked with planners, landscape architects and other consulting firms to plan and design our project that is expected to be bid and ultimately constructed in 2022.

Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

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).

Basic Monarch Garden information

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