Siouxland

Sioux City, IA

Mayor Bob Scott

Pledge Summary

Sioux City is a city in western Iowa with a population of 85,000. The city is situated along the Loess Hills and is a host to many parks and nature preserves. The city has established itself as the first Bird Friendly City in western Iowa and prioritizes native plantings, including Milkweed to help establish and contribute to the growth of the butterfly population. By signing the Monarch Pledge we hope to show residents that our commitment to maintaining our green spaces and contributing to the overall health of our planet is a priority.

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

- Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

Systems Change

- Launch, expand, or continue one or more ordinances to reduce light pollution to benefit urban wildlife.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Bob Scott	2025	4/24/2025	Signatories

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.).

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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.

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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.

Shared public spaces at this time. Would like to expand.

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

We have not reached this level yet.

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

Our environment and community is a major part of our mission with the Environmental Advisory Board. Doing more for the environment is our goal.

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?

Monarch friendly flower/plant lists, seeds, or recommendations along with planting environment suggestions would be helpful. Seeing what other communities are doing would be helpful also. We are working on creating a program in our community and finding funding to help stimulate others to plant community gardens.

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

We are just getting started in our efforts and hopefully in the upcoming year we can plan, coordinate, and initiate more planting events and programs to focus on our monarchs.

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Selected Action Items

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:

February 2, 2026

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

National Western Monarch Day Proclamation

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Mayors Monarch Pledge Proclamation.jpg

Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

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

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

0

What species were collected or propagated?

Syriaca Common Milkweed seeds have been purchased

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

Environmental Advisory Board, Northwest Iowa Sierra Club

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

After the proclamation is read by the mayor on 2/2/26, The Environmental Advisory Board will be offering seed packets to the NW Iowa Sierra Club and residents for establishment of community and private gardens.

Launch, expand, or continue one or more ordinances to reduce light pollution to benefit urban wildlife.

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

We are still working on this initiative

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

We are still working on this initiative - in progress

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

We have not reached this level yet.

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