City of Milan

Milan, MI

Mayor Pro Tem Shannon Wayne

Pledge Summary

Milan is a city in Monroe and Washtenaw counties in the U.S. state of Michigan. The population was 6,079 at the 2020 census. The community was settled as early as 1831. Milan incorporated as a village in 1885 and much later as a city in 1967. The center of the downtown area is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Main Street Historic District.

Action Items Committed for 2025

Communications and Convening

- 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.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

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

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Pro Tem Shannon Wayne	2025	5/4/2025	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.)

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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.

Community gardens & private residences

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

Our approach has been inclusive

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

Prompted by a community resident

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 reporting is good because it keeps the Monarch Pledge top of mind & the community accountable.

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

We plan to expand into additional parks over the next year.

Selected Action Items

Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.

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Please describe the groups you engaged with and how you engaged with these groups below.

Milan Beautification Commission helped maintain the Wabash Parking lot garden. In that garden, there is a lot of milkweeds. Excess milkweed was transported to private residences in the city to spread the milkweed areas and create additional butterfly-friendly areas.

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.

Milan Beautification Commission Milan Park & Recreation

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

Long-term plans for wildflowers at Nature Park to remain in the theme and intent of the park space.

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?

Milan Beautification Commission

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

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Please describe your effort in completing this action.

Maintenance of Wabash Parking lot garden & re-planting excess milkweed in private resident's gardens.

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