RM of West Interlake

Ashern and Eriksdale, MB

Reeve Arnthor Jonasson

Pledge Summary

The RM of West Interlake is located in the heart of Manitoba between Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipeg with a population of approximately 2100 residents. There are many parks located throughout our municipality that would be the perfect location to enhance the Monarch habitat. The RM is committed to creating those habitats, placing signs, and raising awareness about Monarch butterflies throughout the area.

Action Items Committed for 2021

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

- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.
- Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants along roadsides, medians, or public rights-of-way.
- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Reeve Arnthor Jonasson	2021	2/24/2021	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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2500

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.)

800 youth 1700 adults

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.

public spaces, community gardens, parks

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

We have engaged the schools to plant milkweed to educate youth about the program and spread that knowledge to marginalized communities.

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

To assist monarchs and make our communities more beautiful.

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?

Planning guides have been very helpful.

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

The RM of West Interlake is excited to be able to help monarchs and looks forward to continuing to grow the number of acres of milkweed in our municipality.

Selected Action Items

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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.

We have engaged the elementary schools to plant milkweed and the local community beautification groups to plant milkweed in our communities.

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.

The RM of West Interlake, Ashern Beautification Committee, Eriksdale Chamber of Commerce, and two elementary schools.

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

These groups planted, and nurtured the plants to ensure they flourished in the places they were planted.

Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.

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)

Milkweed was planted in pots and gardens at both municipal offices, #38 Main Street Ashern & #10 Main Street Eriksdale.

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

As mentioned earlier, we partnered with beautification community groups, and elementary schools.

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. Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

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Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants along roadsides, medians, or public rights-of-way.

Where are the medians, roadsides and public rights-of-way? (Please provide an address or coordinates, if possible, or describe the location)

In various locations in the communities of Ashern & Eriksdale, & The Narrows.

How many milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants were planted? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

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What is the total acreage of median and public right-of-way that has been planted with milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants? Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

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Please describe the maintenance schedule for these planted areas.

Plants we're watered weekly (more if hot out) and weeded monthly.

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?

Beautification groups, elementary schools and municipal staff

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

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Please describe your effort in completing this action.

Various community members took part in the planting of milkweed in our communities.

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