City of St. Peters

St. Peters, MO

Mayor Len Pagano

Pledge Summary

St. Peters is a city about 30 miles west of the St. Louis metro area. It has a population of approx. 60,000 people. St. Peters has an amazing Parks system, with 26 Parks and over 30 miles of paved trails. St. Peters has committed to saving the monarch butterfly and other pollinators with land stewardship work in the city. Though the management of our natural areas, parkland, trails, and community gardens along with signing of the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, we look forward to engaging our community in building more pollinator habitats.

Action Items Committed for 2025

Communications and Convening

- Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

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.
- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.
- Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Len Pagano	2026	3/24/2026	
Mayor Len Pagano	2025	2/19/2025	Signatories
Mayor Len Pagano	2023	3/31/2023	Signatories
Mayor Len Pagano	2021	12/4/2020	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

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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.

Parks, Community Gardens, City Hall

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

NA

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

Good habitat stewardship

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?

Staff buy-in and admin support have been most helpful. Volunteers and more available in-house labor hours would be helpful.

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

We have done additional planning to make a push in the future.

Selected Action Items

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

Butterfly Bench.png

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

Sensory Trail partnership with Compass Health, open exploring of area and wildlife and land stewardship singage.

How many individuals were engaged in this effort? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only, e.g. 50).

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Please describe the community art project that was implemented in your community and how it contributed to cultural awareness and recognition (e.g., number of art installations, type of art).

Butterfly Bench and picture frame to hope for viral social media traffic.

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

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City Centre.jpg

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)

City Center Park at City Hall Art's Center, 1 St. Peters Centre Blvd, St. Peters, MO 63376

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

This is the location of the City Art's program and Summer Camp so the area reaches a lot of kids.

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

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

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

Community Gardeners

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

18

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

Staff renovated a garden area at each of the City's Community 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.

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

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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.

We are removing honeysuckle and pear trees in Woodlands Sports Parks and Jack Gettemeyer Park. In addition, we have developed a long-term plan to enhance the 3.2-acre Monarch butterfly habitat at 370 Lakeside Park. To support this effort, we mowed paths to divide the area into eight distinct quadrants to manage this area better. Currently, we are hand-cutting and treating unwanted vegetation in Quadrants 1 and 2, and we will brush-hog all quadrants this winter. Our goal is to renovate a few quadrants each year, recognizing that this will be an ongoing, annual process to continually improve and enhance the habitat over time.

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