Town of Clifton Park

Clifton Park, NY

Deputy Supervisor Agatha Reid

Pledge Summary

Clifton Park is a town in New York's Capital District with a population of nearly 38,000. The Town is situated along the Mohawk River and the Erie Canalway National Historic Corridor, in southern Saratoga County and has more than 4,000 acres of active farmland and more than 2,000 acres of town-owned parks and nature preserves, in this suburban community. The Town of Clifton Park is committed to saving the monarch butterfly and other pollinators with its record to date of managing multiple meadows for pollinator habitat at town nature preserves and other town properties, partnering with youth on their creating an educational pollinator-habitat public art mural at the Town's Transfer Station with its demonstration pollinator meadow habitat, supporting pollinator-friendly community gardens at neighborhood parks, offering natural landscaping courses to the public with the Northeast Organic Farming Association and the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library to educate about pesticide-free landscaping for homes and businesses with the Town's GREEN Committee, and earning five-years-in-a-row designation as a "Tree City USA" through efforts of the Town's Tree Committee. The Town of Clifton Park looks forward to collaborating with community groups, schools, and the overall public and engaging residents with creating more pollinator-friendly habitats through the community.

Action Items Committed for 2026

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.
- Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods. (If you have community members who speak a language other than English, we encourage you to also communicate in that language; Champion Pledges must communicate in that language.)
- Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.
- 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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- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
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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.).

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.)

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.

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.

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

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

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

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:

October 11, 2026

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

Town of Clifton Park Monarch Day

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Monarch day resolution.pdf

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)

Garnsey Park, 1481 NY-146 Rexford NY 12148

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

Office of Parks and Recreation; Town of Clifton Park; Open Space, Trails and Riverfront Committee, public participation

Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods. (If you have community members who speak a language other than English, we encourage you to also communicate in that language; Champion Pledges must communicate in that language.)

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

Milkweed seed pod information.pdf

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Monarch Butterfly info sheet.pdf

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milkweed giveaway post.png

Please describe the methods of public communication below (e.g., printed materials, social media, print media).

Methods of public communication to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes included social media posts and stories on Instagram and Facebook, milkweed planting instruction print-out flyers, and Monarch butterfly informational flyers with the importance of suitable habitats.

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

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

Monarch Butterfly coloring booklet.pdf

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

Office of Parks and Recreation

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).

100

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).

Working with the Office of Parks and Recreation, a coloring book was created to emphasize the life cycle of the monarch and the importance of milkweed to the monarch. This coloring book brought awareness to the importance of habitat conservation for animals such as the monarch.

Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.

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

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How many plants were sold and/or given away at your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

208

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

500

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

Town of Clifton Park; Office of Parks and Recreation; Shenendehowa School District

Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

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

10

What species were collected or propagated?

Common milkweed, Butterfly milkweed

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

Town of Clifton Park, Office of Parks and Recreation, GREEN Committee, Tree Committee

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

There was a collection of milkweed seed pods that filled about four large cardboard boxes by the Tree and Green Committees associated with the Town of Clifton Park. The Office of Parks and Recreation sorted giveaway seed bags for community members that included 4-5 seed pods with information on how to plant milkweed.

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?

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Office of Parks and Recreation; Open Space, Trails and Riverfront Committee

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

200

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

The community organizations listed above along with public participation, added more native milkweed to already established meadow habitat areas where milkweed is present to ensure a healthy habitat for future monarch populations.

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