

# Town of Babylon

Babylon, NY

Town Supervisor Rich Schaffer

## Pledge Summary

The Town of Babylon is a vibrant coastal community on Long Island with a population of approximately 200,000 residents, known for its parks, beaches, and strong commitment to environmental stewardship. The Town actively supports sustainability through clean-up initiatives, green spaces preservation, and community engagement. The Town of Babylon is committed to expanding efforts in monarch and pollinator conservation by promoting pollinator-friendly habits, planting native species, and involving residents, schools, and local organizations. Throughout these efforts, the Town aims to protect vital pollinators and strengthen the local ecosystem.

## Action Items Committed for 2026

### 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.
- Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

## Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Town Supervisor Rich Schaffer	2026	5/4/2026	

## 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 (e.g., 50).**

**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." (Only allow numerical values.)**

**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).**

**Where is your habitat being created? This may include residences (yards, containers, balconies, etc.), schools, places of worship, rights-of-way, roadsides, community gardens, culturally-significant locations, shared public spaces and common areas or parks.**

**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**

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

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

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

**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).**

**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)**

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

**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.**

**Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.**

**How many garden signs are being displayed and where are they located?**

**Please describe the educational information on the sign(s), and provide any links to externally purchased sign(s).**