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Borough of Carnegie’s Mayor Stacie Riley Signs National Wildlife Federation’s “Mayors’ Monarch Pledge” to Help Save the Monarch Butterfly

Borough of Carnegie, PA March 29, 2021 – The Borough of Carnegie’s Mayor Stacie Riley signed the National Wildlife Federation’s [Mayors’ Monarch Pledge](#), committing to take 24 actions to help save the declining [monarch butterfly](#) and other pollinators. The Borough of Carnegie is now part of an expanding North American [network](#) of cities working to create habitat in public parks, public landscaping, vacant lots, roadsides, medians, green roofs, backyard gardens and open spaces throughout the entire community.

“Cities, towns and counties play a pivotal role in advancing monarch butterfly conservation in urban and suburban areas,” said Patrick Fitzgerald, senior director of community wildlife at the National Wildlife Federation. “By working together, we can ensure that every American child has a chance to experience majestic monarchs in their communities.”

“I am proud to take this pledge which illustrates Carnegie’s commitment to improving the local habitat for monarchs. We pride ourselves on being a leader in addressing the environmental issues important to our community,” Said Mayor Stacie Riley.

The Borough of Carnegie wants to play a leadership role by launching The Carnegie Monarch Butterfly Conservation Project; where every citizen of Carnegie can make a difference for the monarch by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide a healthy habitat for these magnificent butterflies and pollinators in our community.

Found across the United States, monarch butterflies numbered around 1 billion in 1996. Today, their numbers have declined significantly as a result of numerous threats, particularly the loss of habitat due to cropland conversion, urban development, and agricultural practices. Degradation of wintering habitat in Mexico and California has also had a negative impact on the species.

Through the National Wildlife Federation’s [Mayors’ Monarch Pledge](#), cities and municipalities commit each year to create habitat and educate residents on how to make a difference at home or in their community. Mayors who take the pledge commit to at least three of 30 action items to help save the monarch butterfly. These actions include creating a monarch-friendly garden at city hall, converting abandoned lots to monarch habitat, changing mowing schedules to allow milkweed to grow unimpeded, and 27 other possible actions.

Through the National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Programs, cities, counties and towns across the United States are helping local wildlife by restoring and reconnecting habitat in urban and suburban areas while reconnecting people with nature. **For more information about the Mayors' Monarch Pledge**, please go to:

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