



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** February 1, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM:** 5C

**TITLE:**

Update and discuss agreement with the Bastrop County Master Gardeners (BCMG) and Bastrop Master Naturalist (BMN) as it pertains to the Mayor's Monarch Challenge.

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Terry Moore, Parks and Recreation Director

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

In 2023 Mayor Schroeder signed a proclamation to make Bastrop a part of the Monarch Challenge. The Mayors' Monarch Challenge is an effort by the National Wildlife Federation to help save the habitat of the Monarch Butterfly. Each year communities make the commitment to take a minimum of 3 actions steps to create a better habitat for the species.

As part of that effort, The City of Bastrop will again make the pledge with a proclamation signed by our mayor.

Actions steps have begun with the work in the concrete bed in front of city hall. The city has entered into an agreement with BCMG and BMN organization to create a pollinator garden. Volunteers will provide the labor and education opportunities. The city staff will provide dirt, plants and signage.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Maximum of \$1000

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To attend the council meeting the night the proclamation is signed in support of the event.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Mayors' Monarch Pledge Action Items