

Take the FGCMD Healthy Planet Pledge! To improve the health of our planet, FGCMD challenges each of its members to sign the Healthy Planet Pledge. We believe it is our duty and responsibility to recognize the dangers of global climate change, habitat loss, and loss of biodiversity in our world. We all have a role to play and a responsibility to our children and future generations to help our world to return to a state of sustainable prosperity. Let us collectively support the global community to take action NOW. We can make real and lasting changes for the health and beauty of our communities, state, nation and world. By starting at a personal and community level, together we can unite to improve the health of our world. Select one, two, or as many categories to work within; everything you do can help. Many changes are very simple, but can have a large impact. Action examples of things you can do are included on the next page.

I PLEDGE TO:

Adopt good gardening and environmentally sound practices, recognizing that small changes in my life and the lives of my family can help improve the world around us.

Educate and encourage others to implement good gardening and environmentally sound practices.

Inform myself as a citizen by educating myself on current climate related issues and making educated choices.

Reduce fossil fuel use, conserve water, limit the use of non recyclable consumer products or products that are harmful to the environment.

Minimize habitat destruction, improve existing habitats and increase wild spaces on my property or in my community.

Promote healthy garden practices including native tree and shrub plantings, or the addition of pollinator gardens or meadows in place of lawns.

Plant food and nectar sources for beneficial insects.

Provide a clean water source for wildlife.

The time for action is now. The need for change is great, and together we can all contribute in small ways that combine to make a lasting impact in halting global climate change and loss of biodiversity. We owe it to future generations and all of our planet's inhabitants to do our part for a more sustainably healthy Earth.

I pledge my support for a healthier world!

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Garden Club Name and District

Action Examples:

Adopt good gardening and environmentally sound practices, recognizing that small changes in my life and the lives of my family can help improve the world around us.

- Think about habitat corridors when planning your property; consider local wildlife when planting and avoid using pesticides; avoid unattended nighttime lights outdoors.

Educate and encourage others to implement good gardening and environmentally sound practices.

- Avoid pesticides; turn off lights to save energy and reduce light pollution; avoid purchasing plants treated with neonicotinoids; choose to plant native cultivars.
- Share your successes on social media; take part in community outreach through a school or garden club or library.

Inform myself as a citizen by educating myself on current climate related issues and making educated choices

- Follow our Climate Action Committee for guidance on important issues and information on how local politicians have voiced their opinions on the issue.

Reduce fossil fuel use, conserve water, limit the use of non recyclable consumer products or products that are harmful to the environment

- Avoid single use plastics; install LED light bulbs; use reusable bags; plant drought-tolerant plants; prepare more meatless meals; avoid watering your lawn.

Minimize habitat destruction, improve existing habitats and increase wild spaces on my property or in my community

- Remove invasive plants; delay garden clean-up until spring; create brush piles or structures for wildlife habitats.

Promote healthy garden practices within my community, including native tree and shrub plantings, or the addition of pollinator gardens or meadows in place of lawns.

- Prepare a new garden bed using cardboard and mulch this fall for spring planting; shrink your lawn.

Plant food and nectar sources for beneficial insects.

- Plant ephemeral bulbs for early emerging bees; leave dandelions as a food source; plant late blooming Asters.

Provide a clean water source for wildlife.

- Add a water feature or birdbath; include a water heater during cold months

There are many other actions you can take to improve the health of our planet. Feel free to list them here:
