

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of public health to eliminate the use of synthetic toxic pesticides on City owned land, ponds, and waterways; to encourage the reduction and elimination when possible of the use of synthetic toxic pesticides on private property through public outreach and education; and to introduce and promote natural, organic management practices to prevent, and when necessary, control weed problems on City owned land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, In accordance with the City Council adopted Eco-Municipality status and following the City Council adopted Natural Step Process, City Staff shall immediately eliminate use of synthetic toxic pesticides in public places. In addition, City Staff will consult with the City's Conservation Commission to prepare an outreach program outlining viable alternatives to synthetic toxic pesticides for the general public's use. Staff shall also prepare an organic weed control program and implementation budget for City Council consideration as part of its Fiscal Year 2019 budget.