

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
DECLARING PADEREWSKI PARK  
PESTICIDE AND SYNTHETIC FERTILIZER FREE**

WHEREAS, “While we realize that human activities may involve hazards, people must proceed more carefully than has been the case in recent history. Corporations, government entities, organizations, communities, scientists and other individuals must adopt a precautionary approach to all human endeavors.”..... And

WHEREAS, “ When activity raises threats of harm to human health or the environment, precautionary measures should be taken even if some cause and effect relationships are not fully established scientifically.” (This is known as the Precautionary Principal)

WHEREAS, **Federal Registration of Pesticides is No Guarantee of Safety.**

WHEREAS, Regular use of pesticides do kill the good bugs and healthy organisms which will, when left alone, take care of the pests that are not wanted. In other words pesticides upset the balance of nature’s job.

WHEREAS, Lawns and gardens contribute 11% of the Nitrogen found in the non-point source runoff. And it has been shown that, “Insecticides were found more often and usually at higher concentrations, in urban streams than in agricultural streams.” And

WHEREAS, Nitrogen-based fertilizers release unnatural amounts of nitrogen oxide into the atmosphere causing the greenhouse effect which results in further global warming.

WHEREAS, Periods of drought, such as we experienced during the winter of 2001-2002, concentrate non-point source pollution and will impact more during future storm events.

WHEREAS, Maintaining an organic lawn and garden by adding more composting materials for improving soil and conservation of moisture; and encouraging a deeper root system, will in turn require less care and less water.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the health of the citizens of Plainville, their water, the environment and Long Island Sound will benefit without further impact from the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides at Paderewski Park. And the Town Council urges all citizens to voluntarily refrain from the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides and so encourages the use of organic lawn care.**