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The 29th National Pesticide Forum

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A Chronological Summary of the Program

Friday, April 8

1:00 - 4:00pm	Denver Urban Farm Tour
5:00 - 6:45pm	Registration
5:30 - 6:30pm	Pesticides 101
6:00 - 10:30pm	Welcome, Keynote and Panel
6:00 - 6:45pm	Reception
6:45 - 7:15pm	Welcome
7:15 - 8:15pm	Protecting Pollinators from Pesticides: Stopping the demise of honeybees
8:15 - 9:00pm	Genetically Engineered Food: Failed promises and hazardous outcomes
9:00 - 10:30pm	Reception

Saturday, April 9

8:00 - 8:30am	Continental Breakfast and Registration
8:30 - 9:00am	Welcome
9:00 - 10:15am	Health and Science Panel
10:15 - 10:45am	Beyond Lists: Where did all those pesticides come from?
10:45 - 11:00am	Break (move to workshops)
11:00am - 12:30pm	Workshop Block I
	Protecting Pollinators: In-depth discussion ■ Pesticides and Health: In-depth discussion ■ Organic Food: Garden to plate ■ Organizing Successful Campaigns: Current issues and strategies
12:30 - 2:30pm	Lunch and Keynote
12:30 - 1:30pm	Lunch served
1:30 - 2:15pm	The Polluters: The making of our chemically altered environment
2:30 - 3:45pm	Organic Land Management: From lawns to landscapes and beyond
3:45 - 4:00pm	Break (move to workshops)
4:00 - 5:30pm	Workshop Block II
	Organic Land Management: Getting your hands dirty ■ Return to Balance: Indigenous health and traditional foods ■ Indoor Pest Management: Bed bugs and beyond ■ Backyard Beekeeping
5:30 - 7:00pm	Dinner
7:00 - 10:30pm	Keynote and Reception
7:00 - 8:00pm	Organic Manifesto: How organic farming can heal our planet, feed the world, and keep us safe
8:00 - 10:30pm	Reception, music and book signing

This is a fragrance-free event. No scented body products, please.

Call to the Conference

This national forum convenes at a critical crossroads –as we strive for sustainability in our personal and community choices. Central to the concept of sustainability are the issues and practices addressed at this gathering, *Sustainable Community*, that challenge us to adopt strategies to protect and nurture the web of life in the context of economic pressures that raise affordability issues.

The signals become clearer every day –threatened honeybees, adverse effects on children’s ability to learn, detrimental impacts on the endocrine system, involuntary chemical exposure through air, land, water and food, uncontrolled dispersal of genetically engineered organisms, and insect resistance and reduced efficacy of chemical control strategies. Policies at the local, state and national level can conspire to ignore issues of sustainability or they can incorporate scientific awareness of hazards, gaps in knowledge, and uncertainties, while seeking to prevent them with precautionary strategies.

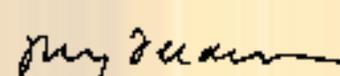
Sustainability suggests that we advance strategies that support healthy ecosystems which support healthy organisms, be they plants, wildlife, or humans. In this context, unwanted organisms in land and buildings are managed through prevention strategies that focus on site conditions. Many ask, “Can we afford to adopt sustainable policies and practices?” To which others answer, “Can we afford not to?” We have learned time and time again from incidents like the Deepwater Horizon oil well explosion and the most recent Japanese nuclear disaster that, when we are facing questions of public health and environmental protection, prevention is less costly than disease treatment or remediation (if these responses are feasible).

Sustainable strategies protect the general public, and offer the most protection to those at elevated risk because of their vulnerabilities or underlying health condition, hazardous workplace exposures, or living conditions near contaminated sites or prone to highly toxic chemical use.

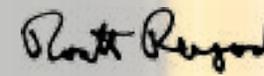
Our approach to sustainability strategies, to be successful, cannot be sidetracked by toxic chemical reduction tactics that fail to (i) embrace a natural systems approach with deep respect for nature’s interdependencies, (ii) recognize the impact of minute toxic chemical exposures that wreak havoc with biological systems during critical windows of vulnerability, and (iii) reverse imbalances that lead to pesticide dependency and the chemical treadmill effect.

We join together for this conference with increased enthusiasm and a growing number of households and communities committed to sustainable management approaches. As we advocate and offer support for clearly defined sustainable management systems, we must hold ourselves and decision makers to a core principle of protecting public health and the environment, recognizing that it will pay for itself in the near term and for future generations.

Thank you for joining us at the Forum.



Jay Feldman
Executive Director, Beyond Pesticides



Routt Reigart, MD
Board President, Beyond Pesticides

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Schedule of Events

Friday, April 8

1:00 - 4:00pm

[MEET IN LOBBY OF COMFORRT INN DOWNTOWN]

■ Denver Urban Farm Tour

James Hale and Meg Caley, *Sprout City Farms, Denver, CO*
Damien Thompson, *board member, GreenLeaf, Denver, CO*
Marygael Meister, *president and founder, Denver Beekeepers' Association, Denver, CO*

5:00 - 6:45pm

[EDUCATION 2 NORTH LOBBY]

Registration

5:30 - 6:30pm

[LECTURE HALL 1303]

■ Pesticides 101

Caroline Cox, *Beyond Pesticides board member; research director, Center for Environmental Health, Oakland, CA*

6:00 - 6:45pm

[EDUCATION 2 NORTH LOBBY]

Reception

6:45 - 7:15pm

[LECTURE HALL 1303]

■ Welcome

Jay Feldman, *executive director, Beyond Pesticides, Washington, DC*
Routt Reigart, MD, *president, Beyond Pesticides board of directors; professor of pediatrics, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC*

7:15 - 8:15pm

[LECTURE HALL 1303]

■ Protecting Pollinators from Pesticides: Stopping the demise of honeybees

Tom Theobald, *owner, Niwot Honey Farms; founder, Boulder County Beekeepers' Association, Niwot, CO*
James Frazier, PhD, *professor of entomology, Penn State University, University Park, PA*
Marygael Meister, *president and founder, Denver Beekeepers' Association, Denver, CO*

8:15 - 9:00pm

[LECTURE HALL 1303]

■ Genetically Engineered Food: Failed promises and hazardous outcomes

George Kimbrell, *senior attorney, Center for Food Safety, San Francisco, CA*

Jay Feldman, *moderator, executive director, Beyond Pesticides, Washington, DC*

9:00 - 10:30pm

[EDUCATION 2 NORTH LOBBY]

Reception

Saturday, April 9

8:00 - 8:30am

[EDUCATION 2 NORTH LOBBY]

Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 9:00 am

[LECTURE HALL 1303]

■ Welcome

Routt Reigart, MD, *president, Beyond Pesticides board of directors; professor of pediatrics, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC*

John Adgate, PhD, *professor and chair, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, Colorado School of Public Health, Aurora, CO*

9:00 - 10:15am

[LECTURE HALL 1303]

■ Health and Science Panel

John Adgate, PhD, *professor and chair, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, Colorado School of Public Health, Aurora, CO*

Dana Boyd Barr, PhD, *research professor, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA*

Christine Parks, PhD, *research fellow, Chronic Disease Epidemiology Group, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Research Triangle Park, NC*

Changlu Wang, PhD, *extension specialist, Department of Entomology, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ*

10:15 - 10:45am

[LECTURE HALL 1303]

■ Beyond Lists: Where did all those pesticides come from?

Theo Colborn, PhD, *president and founder, The Endocrine Disruption Exchange (TEDX), Paonia, CO*

Routt Reigart, MD, *moderator, president, Beyond Pesticides board of directors; professor of pediatrics, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC*

10:45 - 11:00am

Short break, please move to workshops

Workshops will be held in breakout rooms in the Education 2 North (P-28) and Education 2 South (L-28) buildings. The breakout rooms are P28-1103 and P28-1308 (Education 2 North), and L28-1308 and L28-2304 (Education 2 South).

Please move to workshops quickly as sessions will begin promptly at 11:00 am.

Saturday, April 9 continued

11:00am - 12:30pm ■ Workshops I

1) Organic Food: Garden to plate

[P28-1103, EDUCATION 2 NORTH]

Shannon Spurlock, community initiatives coordinator, Denver Urban Gardens, Denver, CO

Krista Roberts, president, Slow Food Denver, Denver, CO

Andy Nowak, board chair, Cooking Matters; co-founder, Slow Food Denver, Denver, CO

Brett Ramey, moderator, Beyond Pesticides board member, Urban Lifeways director, Native Movement, Flagstaff, AZ

■ Eating organic food is the right choice for health and environment stewardship, and local organic food is the gold standard. This “how-to” session will examine the health and societal benefits of a local, organic diet, while giving practical advice on starting your own garden and preparing seasonal meals.

3) Organizing Successful Campaigns: Current issues and strategies

[L28-2304, EDUCATION 2 SOUTH]

Tracey Breiger, co-director, Californians for Pesticide Reform, San Francisco, CA

Josh Vincent, campaigns associate, Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Eugene, OR

Jenifer Rodriguez, staff attorney, Colorado Legal Services, Denver, CO

Paul Towers, moderator, state director, Pesticide Watch, Sacramento, CA

■ Discuss the essentials of organizing a campaign and mobilizing supporters behind an issue from experienced grassroots organizers. Current campaigns will serve as case studies for discussion. Practical organizing advice and important pesticide reform efforts from around the country will be shared.

2) Pesticides and Health: In-depth discussion

[L28-1308, EDUCATION 2 SOUTH]

John Adgate, PhD, professor and chair, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, Colorado School of Public Health, Aurora, CO

Dana Boyd Barr, PhD, research professor, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Christine Parks, PhD, research fellow, Chronic Disease Epidemiology Group, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Research Triangle Park, NC

Kathryn Gilje, moderator, co-director, Pesticide Action Network North America, San Francisco, CA

■ As a follow-up to the Health and Science panel, this workshop will give participants an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the research presented and the wide range of health impacts linked to pesticide exposure.

4) Protecting Pollinators: In-depth discussion

[P28-1308, EDUCATION 2 NORTH]

Tom Theobald, owner, Niwot Honey Farms; founder, Boulder County Beekeepers' Association, Niwot, CO

James Frazier, PhD, professor of entomology, Penn State University, University Park, PA

Heather Pilatic, PhD, co-director, Pesticide Action Network North America, San Francisco, CA

Paula Dinerstein, moderator, Beyond Pesticides board member; senior counsel, PEER, Washington, DC

■ As a follow-up to the pollinator panel, this workshop will focus on current strategies to protect honeybees and provide an opportunity for further discussion with the panelists.

Saturday, April 9 continued

12:30 - 2:30pm

[LECTURE HALL 1303]

■ Lunch and Keynote

Box lunches will be served at 12:30 pm. Please pick up your lunch in the Education 2 North lobby and return to Lecture Hall 1303. The keynote will begin promptly at 1:30 pm.

The Polluters: The making of our chemically altered environment

Ben Ross, author of *The Polluters*; president, Disposal Safety, Inc., Washington, DC

Allen Spalt, moderator, Beyond Pesticides board member; board member and founder Toxic Free North Carolina, Carrboro, NC

2:30 - 3:45pm

[LECTURE HALL 1303]

■ Organic Land Management: From lawns to landscapes and beyond

Rella Abernathy, PhD, integrated pest management coordinator, City of Boulder, CO

Lani Malmberg, Beyond Pesticides board member; director, Ewe4ic Ecological Services, Lander, WY

Timothy Lee Scott, author, *Invasive Plant Medicine*, Brattleboro, VT

Tom Kanatakeniate Cook, director, Slim Buttes Agricultural Development Program, Pine Ridge, Lakota Nation (SD)

Chip Osborne, moderator, Beyond Pesticides board member; president, Osborne Organics, Marblehead, MA

3:45 - 4:00pm

Short break, please move to workshops

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Saturday, April 9 continued

4:00 - 5:30pm ■ Workshops II

1) Organic Land Care: Getting your hands dirty

[P28-1103, EDUCATION 2 NORTH]

Chip Osborne, *Beyond Pesticides* board member; president, *Osborne Organics*, Marblehead, MA

Rella Abernathy, PhD, *integrated pest management coordinator*, City of Boulder, CO

Lani Malmberg, *Beyond Pesticides* board member; director, *Ewe4ic Ecological Services*, Lander, WY

Timothy Lee Scott, author, *Invasive Plant Medicine*, Brattleboro, VT

■ With a greater “how-to” focus, this workshop serves as a follow-up to the Organic Land Care panel, providing participants with practical advice on adopting organic turf practices at home and on local parks and playing fields. Learn more about invasive plant management and soil health, as well as medicinal uses for invasive plant species.

3) Indoor Pest Management: Bed bugs and beyond

[L28-2304, EDUCATION 2 SOUTH]

Changlu Wang, PhD, *extension specialist*, Department of Entomology, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ

Scott Harvey, owner, *Envirozone, Inc.*, Fort Collins, CO

Robina Suwol, moderator, *Beyond Pesticides* board member; executive director, *California Safe Schools*, Los Angeles, CA

■ Pesticides are toxic and increasingly ineffective at controlling bed bugs and other indoor pests. Learn practical non-chemical strategies for managing unwanted insects in homes and institutions and, because of insect resistance, how the challenges of controlling bed bugs differ from other indoor pests.

2) Return to Balance: Indigenous health and traditional foods

[L28-1308, EDUCATION 2 SOUTH]

Casey Camp-Horinek, *native rights activist and environmentalist*, Ponca Nation of Oklahoma, Ponca City, OK

Ramona Beltran, PhD, senior research fellow, *Indigenous Wellness Research Institute* affiliate, *University of Washington*, Seattle, WA

Milo Yellowhair, *service coordinator*, *Slim Buttes Agricultural Development*, Pine Ridge, Lakota Nation (SD)

Brett Ramey, moderator, *Beyond Pesticides* board member, *Urban Lifeways* director, *Native Movement*, Flagstaff, AZ

■ This workshop will explore the connection between cancer rates and contaminants in farming/foraging grounds, and possible solutions to both via traditional food projects.

4) Backyard Beekeeping

[P28-1308, EDUCATION 2 NORTH]

Marygael Meister, *president and founder*, *Denver Beekeepers' Association*, Denver, CO

Karen Sadenwater, *co-founder*, *Back Yard Hive*, *Eldorado Springs*, CO

Amy Fontenot, *bee guardian teacher*, *Back Yard Hive*, *Eldorado Springs*, CO

Stephanie Davio, moderator, *public education associate*, *Beyond Pesticides*, Washington, DC

■ As native pollinators and commercial honeybee hives are increasingly threatened by pesticides, hobby beekeeping is more important and challenging than ever. From practical advice on how to begin, to overcoming common hurdles, learn how to manage your own hive of bees from three backyard beekeeping experts.

Saturday, April 9 continued

5:30 - 7:00pm

[EDUCATION 2 NORTH LOBBY]

Dinner

7:00 - 8:00pm

[LECTURE HALL 1303]

■ Organic Manifesto: How organic farming can heal our planet, feed the world, and keep us safe

Maria Rodale, CEO, *Rodale Inc.*; co-chair, *Rodale Institute*; author, *Organic Manifesto*, Emmaus, PA

Lorna Donaldson, moderator, *Beyond Pesticides* board member; founder, *Silvertop Institute*, Tiptonville, TN

8:00 - 10:30pm

[EDUCATION 2 NORTH LOBBY]

Reception, music and book signing

Please join us for organic food and drinks as *Beyond Pesticides* celebrates our 30th birthday.

Authors *Maria Rodale*, *Ben Ross* and *Timothy Lee Scott* will be signing books at the registration table.

Thank You!

Beyond Pesticides would like to thank the organizations that helped make this event possible:

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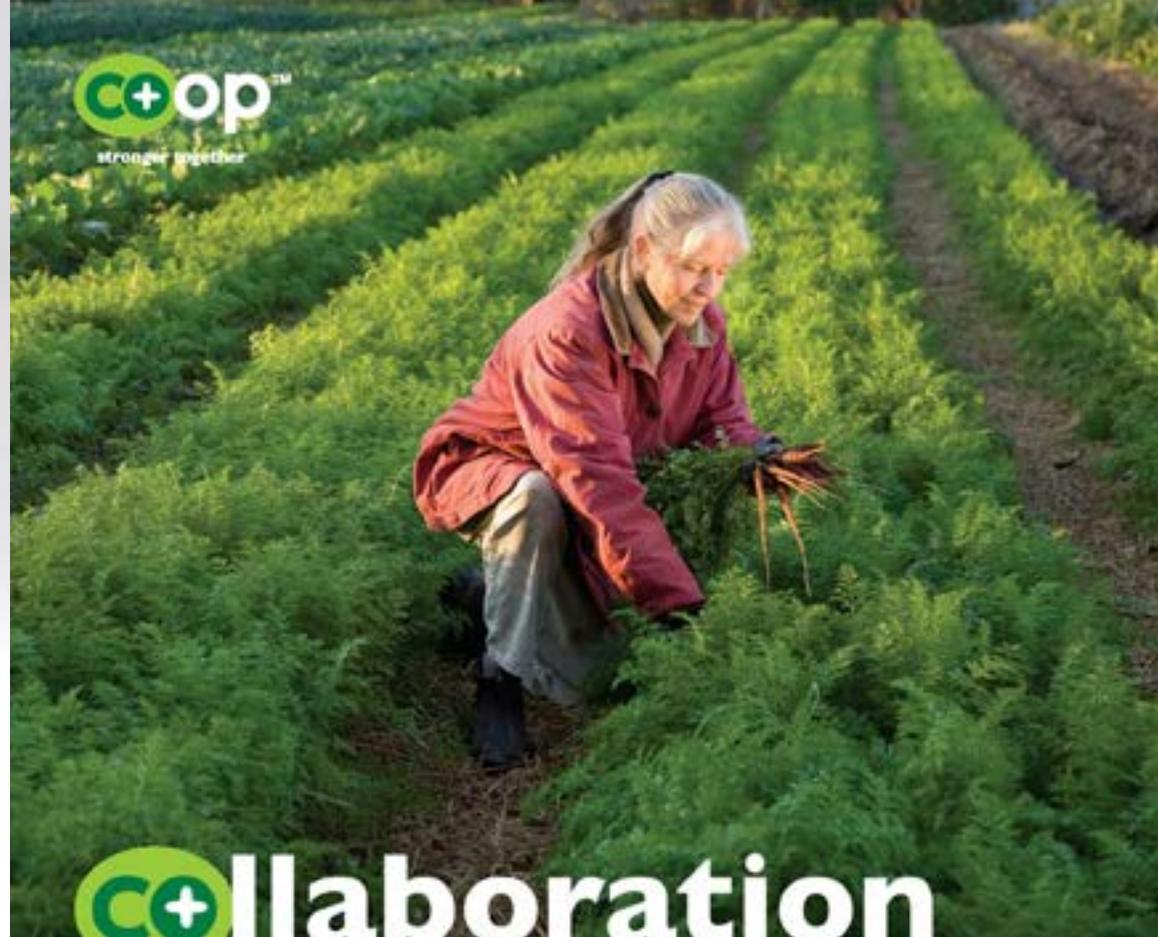
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We look forward to continued collaboration with Beyond Pesticides and other like-minded partners to build strong, sustainable communities.



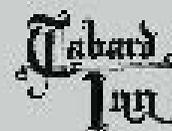
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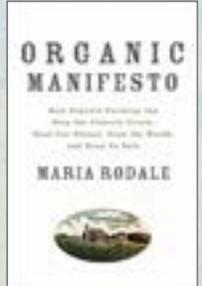
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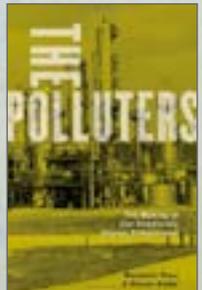
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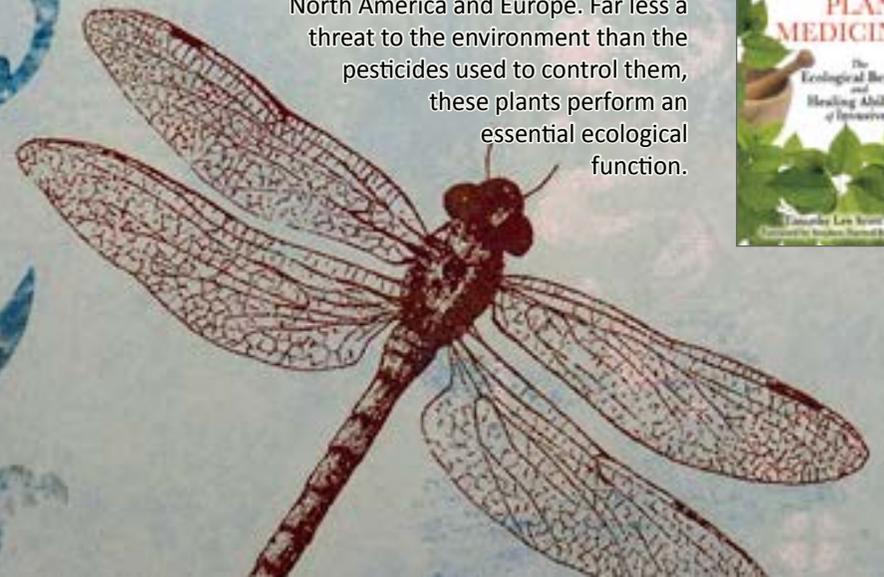
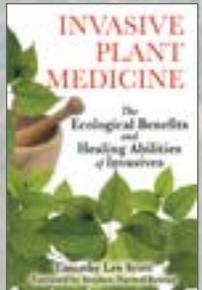
Organic Manifesto: How Organic Farming Can Heal Our Planet, Feed the World, and Keep Us Safe. Maria Rodale, CEO of Rodale Inc., sheds new light on the state of 21st-century farming. She examines the unholy alliances that have formed between the chemical companies that produce fertilizer and genetically altered seeds, the agricultural educational system that is virtually subsidized by those same companies, and the government agencies in thrall to powerful lobbyists, all of which perpetuate dangerous farming practices and deliberate misconceptions about organic farming and foods.



The Polluters: The Making of Our Chemically Altered Environment reveals at last the crucial decisions that allowed environmental issues to be trumped by political agendas. It spotlights the leaders of the chemical industry and describes how they applied their economic and political power to prevent the creation of an effective system of environmental regulation. Research was slanted, unwelcome discoveries were suppressed, and friendly experts were placed in positions of influence, as science was subverted to serve the interests of business.



Invasive Plant Medicine: The Ecological Benefits and Healing Abilities of Invasives demonstrates how invasive plants restore natural balance and biodiversity to the environment and examines the healing properties offered by 25 of the most common invasive plants growing in North America and Europe. Far less a threat to the environment than the pesticides used to control them, these plants perform an essential ecological function.



BEYOND PESTICIDES, founded in 1981 as the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides, works with allies for a future free of hazardous pesticides and collaborates with grassroots people and organizations to educate the public on pesticide hazards and promote non-toxic alternatives. The founders felt that without the existence of such an organized, national network, local, state and national pesticide policy would become, under chemical industry pressure, increasingly unresponsive to public health and environmental concerns.

Beyond Pesticides provides useful information on pesticides and alternatives to their use, topics also covered in Beyond Pesticides' quarterly news magazine, *Pesticides and You*; *Daily News blog*; and, the electronic bi-monthly bulletin, *School Pesticide Monitor*. The organization also publishes a wide variety of brochures, information packets, and reports.

Beyond Pesticides believes that people must have a voice in decisions that affect them directly. To assist in this effort Beyond Pesticides maintains several online database resources, including the *Gateway on Pesticide Hazards and Safe Pest Management*, *Pesticide-Induced Diseases Database*, and *Eating with a Conscience*. Beyond Pesticides' staff and board serve as a resource for communities nationwide.

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