## **Greening the Community**

Green economy, organic environments and healthy people

Cleveland, Ohio ■ April 9-10, 2010 Case Western Reserve University

The 28th National Pesticide Forum



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#### A Chronological Summary of the Program

#### Friday, April 9

1:00 - 4:00pm	<b>Cleveland Botanical Garden Tour</b>

5:00 - 6:45pm Registration 5:30 - 6:30pm *Pesticides 101* 

6:00 - 10:30pm Welcome, Reception and Keynotes

6:00 - 6:45pm Reception 6:45 - 7:15pm Welcome

healthy environment

8:45 - 10:30pm Reception

#### Saturday, April 10

8:00 - 8:30am	Continental Breakfast and Registration

8:30 - 9:00am Welcome

9:00 - 10:30am Health and Science Panel 10:30 - 11:00am Break (move to workshops)

11:00am - 12:30pm Workshop Block I

Health and Science Panel: In-depth discussion ■ Organic Lawn and Landscape Management ■ Clean Water for Health and the Environment ■ Green Government: Lessons from Cleveland

and around the country

12:30 - 2:30pm Lunch, Keynote and Panel

12:30 - 1:00pm Lunch served

1:00 - 1:30pm Thinking Beyond Our Plates

1:30 - 2:30pm Creating a Local Organic Food System (panel)
2:45 - 3:45pm Turf without Toxics: Lessons from Canadian Lawn Chemical Bans

3:45 - 4:00pm Break (move to workshops)

4:00 - 5:30pm Workshop Block II

Creating a Local, Organic Food System: In-depth discussion ■ Lawn and Order: Policies that protect ■ Tools to Create Safe Indoor Spaces: Homes to schools ■ Living and Buying Green:

Entrepreneurs from Cleveland and beyond

5:30 - 7:00pm Dinner break

7:00 - 10:30pm Keynotes and Reception

7:00 - 7:45pm The Organic Solution: Farming and gardening

for health and the environment

7:45 - 8:30pm *There Are No Pesticides in Solartopia* 8:30 - 11:00pm Reception, music and book signing

#### Call to the Conference

Public awareness and concern about the environmental and health effects of community practices—in schools, parks and gardens, health care facilities, offices and homes— is on the rise. We now see, from Cleveland and cities and towns across the United States to the White House, action for green jobs and a green economy, essential to the long-term well-being of our communities, our earth, and all its inhabitants.

The underlying science supporting most current toxic chemical use patterns both identifies serious adverse health and environmental effects and is incomplete, affecting the safety of our air, water, land, food, and workplace, stewardship of the environment, and global climate change. It is absolutely essential that a green community include as a priority element pesticide use and the availability of nontoxic approaches in the management of land and buildings.

Scientific research is frequently uncovering health and environmental effects of pesticides. Our knowledge about pesticide impacts on key species such as honeybees and other pollinators emphasizes the limitations of our regulatory approach at the federal and state level. People do not want for themselves or their families exposure to toxic chemicals that cause cancer, asthma, neurotoxic and immune system effects, endocrine disruption, reproductive effects, developmental and learning disabilities, and more, especially when they are not necessary.

Communities and provinces in Canada have led the way in banning the unnecessary and cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides. The town bylaws and provincial-wide bans in Canada respond to the notion that our laws should take a precautionary approach when restricting the introduction of toxic chemicals. This approach challenges the essentiality of chemical use while considering harmful effects, from production, transportation, use, storage to disposal.

Practitioners have shown us increasingly that toxic chemicals are not needed to manage unwanted organisms in buildings or create beautiful landscapes and turf. In green communities, we must change our approach to chemical use policy, learning from those approaches that replace toxics with alternative practices and products. The success at the community level must translate into statewide and national chemicals policy reform that rejects risk assessment calculations accepting of unnecessary harm and uncertainty.

Many communities across the country have a rich history of adopting effective policies or practices –in schools, parks, and public lands. In green communities, these policies must be extended to the entire community. In 41 states, this will require the reversing of statewide prohibitions on local action to restrict toxic pesticide use on all land in the community.

Thank you for joining us at this important conference, as we hone our knowledge and skills to move our communities and nation forward on the path to a sustainable future!

Jay Feldman

**Executive Director, Beyond Pesticides** 

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Schedule of Events

#### Friday, April 9

#### 1:00 - 4:00pm

[MEET OUTSIDE AGNAR PYTTE SCIENCE CENTER]

#### ■ Cleveland Botanical Garden Tour

**Geri Unger**, director of education, Cleveland Botanical Garden, Cleveland, OH

**Alec McClennan**, president, Good Nature Organic Lawn Care, Cleveland, OH

## **5:00 - 6:45pm** [AGNAR PYTTE ATRIUM]

**5:30 - 6:30pm** [SCHMITT AUDITORIUM]

#### Registration

#### **■ Pesticides 101**

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

#### 6:00 - 6:45pm [AGNAR PYTTE ATRIUM]

## **6:45 - 7:15pm** [SCHMITT AUDITORIUM]

#### Reception

#### ■ Welcome

Robina Suwol, Beyond Pesticides board president; executive director, California Safe Schools, Los Angeles, CA Barry Zucker, executive director, Beyond Pesticides Ohio, Cleveland, OH

#### **Environmental Health at the School of Medicine**

**Dorr Dearborn, MD, PhD**, chairman, Department of Environmental Health Sciences; director, Swetland Center for Environmental Health, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

## **7:15 - 8:45pm** [SCHMITT AUDITORIUM]

#### Keynotes

#### **Ecological Engineering: Restoring balance**

**Bill Mitsch, PhD**, director, Wilma H. Schiermeier Olentangy River Wetland Research Park, professor of Environment and Natural Resources, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

#### Poisoning of the Bees: Messengers for a healthy environment

**David Hackenberg**, owner and beekeeper, Hackenberg Apiaries, Lewisburg, PA

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

## **8:45 - 10:30pm** [AGNAR PYTTE ATRIUM]

#### Reception

#### Saturday, April 10

8:00 - 8:30am
[AGNAR PYTTE ATRIUM]

**8:30 - 9:00 am** [SCHMITT AUDITORIUM]

#### **Continental Breakfast**

#### ■ Welcome

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

**Barry Zucker**, executive director, Beyond Pesticides Ohio, Cleveland, OH

**Dorr Dearborn, MD, PhD**, chairman, Department of Environmental Health Sciences, and director, Swetland Center for Environmental Health, Case Western Reserve University

#### **Greening Cleveland**

**Andrew Watterson**, City of Cleveland chief of sustainability, Cleveland, OH

**9:00 - 10:30am** [SCHMITT AUDITORIUM]

#### ■ Health and Science Panel

Low Level Pesticide Exposures: Impacts on learning and other neurological functions

**Warren Porter, PhD**, Beyond Pesticides board member; professor of zoology and environmental toxicology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Reproductive Outcomes in Pesticide-Exposed Pregnancies.
Should We Be Worried?

**Paul Winchester, MD**, professor of clinical pediatrics Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN

#### **Endocrine Disruptors and Epigenetics**

**Shuk-mei Ho, PhD**, chair of the Department of Environmental Health, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, OH

Epigenetic Transgenerational Actions of Environmental Compounds on Disease: The ghosts in your genes

**Michael Skinner, PhD**, professor in the School of Molecular Biosciences at Washington State University, Pullman, WA

**Andrea Kidd Taylor, DrPH**, moderator, *Beyond Pesticides* board member; professor, Morgan State University School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD

#### 10:30 - 11:00am

#### **Break, move to workshops**

Workshops will be held in breakout rooms within the Agnar Pytte Science Center complex. The breakout rooms are Clapp 108 (also known as the Goodyear Room), Clapp 201, Clapp 305 and DeGrace 312.

#### 11:00am - 12:30pm ■ Workshops 1

## 1) Health and Science Panel: In-depth discussion

[CLAPP 201]

**Warren Porter, PhD**, Beyond Pesticides board member; professor of zoology and environmental toxicology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Paul Winchester, MD**, professor of clinical pediatrics Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN

Shuk-mei Ho, PhD, chair of the Department of Environmental Health, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, OH Michael Skinner, PhD, professor in the School of Molecular Biosciences at Washington State University, Pullman, WA Caroline Cox, moderator, research director, Center for Environmental Health, Oakland, CA

■ As a follow-up to the science panel, this workshop will give participants an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about pesticide exposure through food, air and water and the links to a wide range of health impacts.

## 3) Green Government: Lessons from Cleveland and around the country

[CLAPP 108]

Andrew Watterson, City of Cleveland sustainability programs manager, OH Lew Tremaine, Mayor, City of Fairfax, CA Lesley Riddle, assistant director of Public Works for the City of Greenbelt, MD Allen Spalt, moderator, Beyond Pesticides board member; Toxic Free North Carolina, Carrboro, NC

■ From toxics to energy, cities and towns across the country are taking the lead in adopting policies to create livable, environmentally-friendly communities. Learn from people on the front line of the sustainable cities movement.

## 2) Clean Water for Health and the Environment

[CLAPP 305]

Francisco Ollervides, national organizer, Waterkeeper Alliance, Cleveland, OH Ruth Berlin, Beyond Pesticides board member; executive director, Maryland Pesticide Network, Annapolis, MD Nichelle Harriott, research associate, Beyond Pesticides, Washington, DC Karl Tupper, moderator, staff scientist, Pesticide Action Network North America, San Francisco. CA

■ Studies show nearly all surface water and groundwater contain pesticides at detectable levels around the country. Agricultural and lawn and garden pesticides and fertilizers contaminate our water supply and impact aquatic environments. Discuss what's contaminating our water and what we can do to protect it.

#### 4) Organic Land Management: Lawns, backyard meadows and open spaces

[DEGRACE 312]

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

Catherine Zimmerman, author, Urban and Suburban Meadows, Silver Spring, MD Lani Malmberg, director, Ewe4ic Ecological Services, Lander, WY

**Terry Shistar, Ph.D.**, moderator, *Beyond Pesticides board member, Kaw Valley Mycological Society, Lawrence, KS* 

■ Learn about organic land management from a practitioner who converted chemically-treated parks and playing fields to organic systems, a rancher who uses a herd of goats to manage rangeland weeds and improve soil fertility, and a horticulturist and landscape designer working to make natural landscapes the norm.

## **12:30 - 2:30pm** [SCHMITT AUDITORIUM]

#### ■ Lunch, Keynote and Panel

Boxed lunches will be served at 12:30. Please pick up your lunch in the Agnar Pytte Atrium and return to Schmitt Auditorium for the sessions. The keynote talk will begin promptly at 1:00pm.

#### **Thinking Beyond Our Plates**

**Melinda Hemmelgarn**, registered dietitian and "Food Sleuth" journalist, Columbia, MO

#### Creating a Local, Organic Food System

**Phillip Nabors**, co-owner, Mustard Seed Market & Café, Akron, OH

**Donita Anderson**, executive director, North Union Farmers Market, Cleveland, OH

**Peter McDermott**, network weaver, Entrepreneurs for Sustainability, Cleveland, OH

Maurice Small, community gardening consultant, Elyria, OH

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

#### 2:45 - 3:45pm [SCHMITT AUDITORIUM]

## ■ Turf without Toxics: Lessons from the Canadian lawn pesticide bans

Jan Kasperski, chief executive officer, Ontario College of Family Physicians, Toronto, Ontario, Canada Theresa McClenaghan, executive director, Canadian Environmental Law Association, Ottowa, Ontario, Canada

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

#### 3:45 - 4:00pm

#### **Short Break, move to workshops**

Workshops will be held in breakout rooms within the Agnar Pytte Science Center complex. The breakout rooms are Clapp 108 (also known as the Goodyear Room), Clapp 201, Clapp 305 and DeGrace 312.

Please move to workshops quickly as sessions will begin promptly at 4:00pm.

#### 4:00 - 5:30pm

#### **■ Workshops 2**

## 1) Creating a Local, Organic Food System: In-depth discussion

[CLAPP 201]

Margaret Reeves, PhD, senior scientist, Pesticide Action Network North America, San Francisco, CA

**Melinda Hemmelgarn**, "Food Sleuth" journalist, Columbia, MO

Donita Anderson, executive director, North Union Farmers Market, Cleveland, OH Peter McDermott, network weaver, Entrepreneurs for Sustainability, Cleveland, OH Maurice Small, community gardening consultant, Elyria, OH

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

■ As a follow-up to the food panel, this workshop adds the perspective of two additional panelists working on local, organic food issues around the country and gives participants an opportunity to learn more about what's on their plates.

## 3) Tools to Create Safe Indoor Spaces

[CLAPP 305]

Robina Suwol, executive director, California Safe Schools, Los Angeles, CA Rachel Rosenberg, executive director, Safer Pest Control Project, Chicago, IL Sharon Fried, IPM project director, Maryland Pesticide Network/Beyond Pesticides, Baltimore, MD

**Paula Dinerstein**, moderator, *Beyond Pesticides board member; senior coun- sel, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, Washington, DC* 

■ Learn how to eliminate pests and pesticides in the indoor environment. Hear about successful IPM projects controlling common pests, including bed bugs, from homes to schools and more.

#### 2) Living and Buying Green: Entrepreneurs from Cleveland and beyond

[CLAPP 108]

**Carol Kauscher**, founder, D'Bug Lady Pest Management, Necedah, WI

Alec McClennan, president, Good Nature Organic Lawn Care, Cleveland, OH Phillip Nabors, co-owner, Mustard Seed Market & Café, Akron, OH Rebecca Reynolds, president, Green Clean

**Rebecca Reynolds**, president, Green Clean Rocky RIver, OH

**Chris Kious**, principal, A Piece of Cleveland, Cleveland, OH

Stefanie Penn Spear, president, Expedite Renewable Energy, Cleveland, OH John McGovern, moderator, clean transportation program coordinator, Cleveland, OH

■ Environmentally-friendly businesses are on the rise. Hear from people who are making green with green ideas.

## 4) Lawn and Order: Policies that protect

[DEGRACE 312]

Shelly Conner, Pesticide-Free Parks coordinator, Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Eugene, OR Lew Tremaine, Mayor, City of Fairfax, CA Chip Osborne, president, Osborne Organics, Marblehead, MA Jan Kasperski, chief executive officer, Ontario College of Family Physicians, Toronto, ON, Canada Theresa McClenaghan, executive director,

Canadian Environmental Law Association, Ottowa, ON, Canada

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

■ Activists and elected leaders will discuss policies and strategies to restrict lawn pesticides in the U.S. Our successful Canadian allies will join the discussion.

#### 5:30 - 7:00pm

#### **Dinner Break**

For dining options nearby, see the restaurant map in the Forum participants packet. Evening sessions will resume at 7:00pm.

## **7:00 - 8:30pm** [SCHMITT AUDITORIUM]

#### ■ Keynotes

The Organic Solution: Farming and gardening for health and the environment

**Jeff Moyer**, farm and garden manager, The Rodale Institute, Kutztown, PA

#### There Are No Pesticides in Solartopia

**Harvey Wasserman**, journalist, activist and author of Solartopia: Our Green-Powered Earth, Bexley, OH

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

## **8:30 - 11:00pm** [AGNAR PYTTE ATRIUM]

#### Reception, music and book signing

Please join us for organic food, drinks and live music by the Tofu Fighters in the Agnar Pytte Atrium. Author Harvey Wasserman will be signing copies of his book, Solartopia: Our Green-Powered Earth.

#### Thank You!

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

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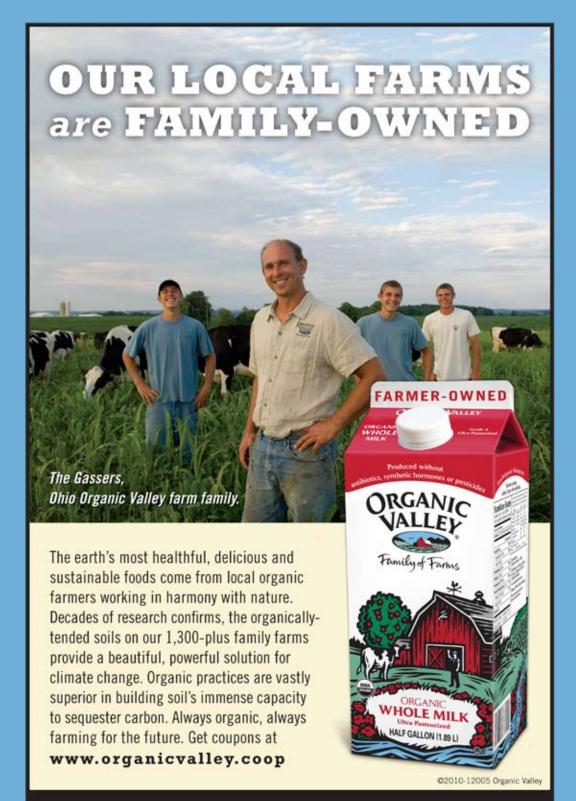
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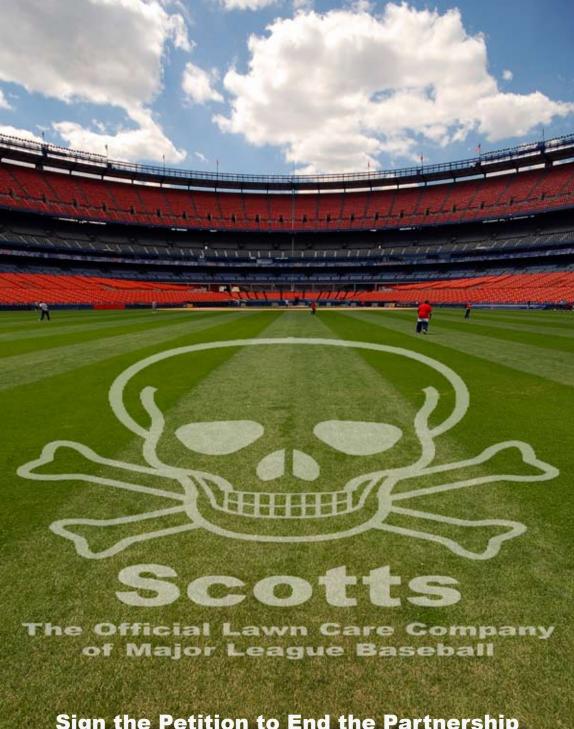
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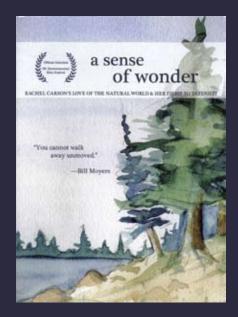
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I support the "Wash Your Hands of Triclosan Campaign" led by Beyond Pesticides and Food and Water Watch, and supported by over 80 environmental and public health organizations, to protect human health and the environment from the dangers posed by triclosan.

By signing this pledge, I recognize that:

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- Triclosan creates more potent strains of bacteria, increasing antibacterial and antibiotic resistance,
- Triclosan is accumulating in waterways and soil, resulting in hazardous residues in fish and food crops,
- The efficacy of triclosan is no greater than regular soap and water.

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- Remove triclosan-containing products from my home,
- Choose soaps, hand sanitizers and other personal care products that do not contain triclosan,
- Learn more about the dangers of triclosan,
- Tell my friends and family about the dangers of triclosan,
- Support local and national efforts to remove triclosan products from schools, stores and other businesses,
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**Beyond Pesticides Ohio**, is the only organization in Ohio that focuses exclusively on pesticide issues. It continues to develop an authoritative voice in northeast Ohio and the state, and has generated effective media attention to and public education both the pesticide problem and effective solutions. For this reason and due to its accomplishments in the area of pest control methods, Beyond Pesticides Ohio is often the first call the media and public officials make when a pesticide concern arises.

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brings a new emphasis to Environmental Health at the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals throughout Greater Cleveland. The current major focus of the Center is on the environmental health problems of the Cleveland community especially related to toxic exposures of children and their families. As an academic Center, it has four major components: Medical Education, Clinical Care, Research, and Public Health.

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