

City of Canandaigua pesticide moratorium stays in place for parks

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City Council Votes Against Repealing Moratorium On Pesticides In Parks

An eight-year-long debate on the use of pesticides in the city of Canandaigua's parks ended Thursday with the city staying the course.

After a heated volley of opposing positions, City Council members voted not to repeal a five-year pesticide moratorium just a year and a half after it was enacted.

The vote was triggered in early September when City Department of Public Works staff panned the impact of the pesticide moratorium, saying it was three times more expensive, required more labor, and was much less effective than the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) spelled out in the city's 2010 Turf and Landscape Management Policy. That policy was developed in conjunction with Cornell Cooperative Extension and Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council Program Manager Kevin Olvany.

On Tuesday, councilmembers dug their heels in on both sides of the issue.

"One year is too soon to give up and go back to what we were doing before," said Councilmember Jim Terwilliger. "It's far too early for Council to throw in the towel and essentially waive what was a significant piece of legislation for us. I think there are other approaches out there that we haven't tried."

Councilmember Karen White said the council had made a promise to the community last year that they would commit to five years to make parks safe and healthy for pets and families, and she wouldn't be supporting the resolution to repeal the moratorium.

"I don't think relitigating the past is what we're here for," said Councilmember Anita Twitchell. "The important thing is we have to listen to what the people want. Every door I knock on, when I mention that they want to take away the moratorium, people are upset. I'm going to continue to do what the people of Canandaigua want me to do, and honor my commitment."

Councilman Matt Martin said the opposition to repealing the moratorium was perplexing.

"We've heard from our staff, we've heard from the experts, we've heard from everyone involved," he said. "I don't understand the rationale, other than that people are worried about the vote in the fall."

Councilmember Cindy Wade strongly urged colleagues to "use some common sense here."

"I find that this is absolutely ridiculous," said Wade. "If we're worried about the watershed, let's not forget that we have only three parks that actually drain into the Canandaigua Lake watershed. Yet 70 percent of the land that drains into the watershed is agricultural and not regulated by any type of moratorium."

Wade recommended focusing instead on agricultural landowners and the New York State Boat Launch, where 250 boats are launched each weekend.

"I think it's totally irresponsible to maintain this moratorium," said Wade. "We tried it for a year. We heard from our staff that does not recommend this at all."

To Councilmember Dave Whitcomb, the choice was obvious.

"We've spent years discussing this issue, and the result of that is the Integrated Pest Management (IPM)," said Whitcomb. "It allows for some use of pesticides, and it's a very low-frequency dose. It's the result of people much smarter than me, much more knowledgeable than me. And what I do know is you find the right people, you put them in the right positions and they'll make the right decisions."

Canandaigua resident Kathy Rayburn was among many who spoke out from the audience Thursday.

"I was very proud of the city when it enacted the moratorium," said Rayburn. "I just want them to continue to keep at it. I want the city to be a shining light of saying we've done everything we can. But we need the four more years to do that."

A divided council defeated the resolution to repeal the five-year pesticide moratorium.

NORAHG Response

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) WILL NOT WORK IN CANANDAIGUA, NEW YORK !

PROHIBITION IN CANANDAIGUA HAS RELIED ON FALSE-FACTS REGARDING IPM

Canandaigua's elected officials have validated their prohibition based upon false-facts related to Integrated Pest Management (IPM). By relying upon these false-facts, prohibition will inevitably become a dismal failure for Canandaigua !

Canandaigua's prohibition against conventional pest control products is being validated by elected officials who have relied upon the false-facts related to the failed practices of Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Because of Canandaigua's adoption of IPM, its prohibition will be a dismal failure ! Canandaigua's officials have expected IPM to be effective for the control of invasive weeds and destructive insects.

Unfortunately, IPM is #@!!% nonsense ! IPM is a dismal failure, and DOES NOT WORK to control invasive weeds and destructive insects ! It will be impossible for Canandaigua to keep its properties playable, pest-free, safe, and attractive by using IPM. In fact, failed IPM practices will necessitate stunningly exorbitant costs, possibly in the hundreds of thousands of dollars ! Is there hope in Canandaigua for controlling destructive insects in prohibition jurisdictions ?!?! NO ! IPM is a dismal failure, and DOES NOT, and WILL NEVER, control invasive weeds and destructive insects !

NO ONE IN CANANDAIGUA WANTS THIS #@!!% DANGEROUS BAN NONSENSE THAT PLACES CHILDREN AT RISK —

Residents in Canandaigua had better get used to having their CHILDREN SUFFERING MORE AND MORE INJURIES. With its prohibition against conventional pest control products, Canandaigua's green spaces will become pest-infested dangerous garbage dumps. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-44g>
<http://wp.me/P1jq40-4z3> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-7C4>

In fact, reports have already surfaced concerning THE FAILURE OF IPM in Canandaigua. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-aE0>

It will be impossible for Canandaigua's home-owners or professionals to keep their properties beautiful by using so-called green alternative pesticides and practices. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-24g> When it comes to prohibition, Canandaigua's government officials will inevitably have to think twice about banning pesticides by looking at the hardship and the stunningly exorbitant costs of this #@!!% ban nonsense ! <http://wp.me/P1jq40-43V>

CANANDAIGUA'S CHILDREN ARE SAFER WITH PESTICIDES —

Non-expert pesticide-hating enviro-fanatics in Canandaigua are WRONG ! Conventional pest control products are scientifically-safe, and will NOT cause harm to children in Canandaigua. Allegations about the imaginary danger to children are totally false, and are untrue mis-representations designed to alarm and enrage the public for mere money and profit given to anti-pesticide & environmental-terrorist organizations. The risk assessment of conventional pest control products indicates that they are scientifically-safe, and, when used properly, will NOT cause harm to children, people, animals, or the environment.

HERE ARE THE TRUE FACTS ABOUT INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) —

✓ FACT -- IPM Is #@!!% Nonsense & Does Not Work

✓ FACT -- The Pesticide-Free-Version Of IPM Will Not Suppress Damaging Pest Populations To An Acceptable Level

✓ FACT -- IPM Is Inappropriate For The Professional Lawn Care & Golf Industries

✓ FACT -- Anti-Pesticide Prohibitions Rely On False-Facts Regarding The Effectiveness Of Integrated Pest Management

✓ FACT -- Turf Managers Desperately Need Pesticides, & Do Not Need IPM To Reduce Pesticide Use

✓ FACT -- IPM Is A Dismal Failure, & Does Not Control Pests In Turf

REPORTS, BLOGS, & WEB-PAGES —

IPM -- FAILURE IN CANANDAIGUA, NEW YORK (Report)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2017/09/18/haha-organic-herbicide-sprayed-in-landscape-beds-in-kershaw-park-and-the-city-pier-was-ineffective/>

IPM -- PROVIDES NO BENEFITS (Reports)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Force-Of-Nature-FAILURE-of-IPM-2012-11-12-UPDATE-Least-Toxic-Pesticides-Applied-As-A-Last-Resort-pdf-300-dpi.pdf>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2012/11/20/integrated-pest-management-least-toxic-pesticides-applied-as-a-last-resort-2012-11-12/>

IPM -- PROHIBITIONS RELY ON FALSE-FACTS REGARDING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF IPM -- BRITISH COLUMBIA (Blog)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2017/02/09/municipal-prohibition-failures-in-british-columbia-part-3-of-12-reasons-for-failures-catastrophic-carnage-false-facts-2017-02-09/>

IPM -- DOES NOT EXCUSE THE USE OF ILLEGAL CONCOCTIONS (Web-Page)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/violating-federal-law/>

IPM -- A DISTRACTION FROM SCIENCE-BASED ASSESSMENTS (Blog)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2014/03/01/pesticides-are-scientifically-safe-safe-to-use-less-lethal-to-humans-than-caffeine-2014-02-27/>

IPM -- A DISTRACTION FROM CRITICAL ISSUES FACED BY PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE & GOLF INDUSTRIES (Web-Pages)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/professional-lawn-care-industry-critical-issues/>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/golf-industry-critical-issues/>

IPM -- A DISTRACTION FROM ADEQUATE PLAYING CONDITIONS (Web-Page & Blog)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/failure-of-integrated-pest-management/>

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2013/11/10/golf-course-superintendent-position-golf-facility-owners-fail-to-demand-high-quality-playing-conditions-saint-paul-golf-club-2013-11-07/>

WE SPEAK THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE —

We are the **National Organization Responding Against HUJE** that conspire to destroy the **Green space** and other industries (**NORAHG**). As a non-profit and independent organization, we are environmentalists who are dedicated to reporting about truth-challenged pesticide-hating fanatics (**HUJE**) who conspire to destroy businesses that are dependent on the use of safe and effective conventional pest control products. We also report on the work of several highly-rated leading experts who have recognized expertise, training, and background in matters concerning pest control products, and who promote environmental realism and pesticide truths.

We dare to defy the pesticide-hating fanatics by exploring the whole truth from an independent perspective on The Pesticide Truths Web-Site ...

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