

# **THE FAILURE OF ANTI-PESTICIDE PROHIBITION**

**FORCE OF NATURE**

THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE from  
National Organization Responding Against HUIE that seek to harm the Green Space Industry (NORAHG)

**By Early 2012 ...**

- **Park District of Highland Park CONCLUDED that Organic and Pesticide-Free Maintenance of its sports fields was a DISMAL FAILURE.**
- **The MANUAL WEED PICKING program was deemed TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE.**
- **In order to rid the sports fields of weeds by using Manual Weed Picking, Highland Park observed that you would NEED AN ARMY and concluded that « we don't think that's a solution ».**
- **Highland Park needed to RESCUE THE WEED-RIDDEN SPORTS FIELDS from Organic and Pesticide-Free Maintenance FAILURES.**
- **Three major sports fields were OVER-RUN with MORE THAN 60 PER CENT WEED INVASION.**
- **The Non-Expert Anti-Pesticide Activists, like the LUNATIC-CLOWNS from Beyond Pesticides, who recommended Organic and Pesticide-Free Maintenance, KNEW NOTHING and were UTTERLY INCOMPETENT.**
- **Pest control products used in the Urban Landscape are GOVERNMENT-APPROVED, FEDERALLY-LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE, and PRACTICALLY-NON-TOXIC ... these products DID NOT need to be PROHIBITED.**

## Overview from an Independent Perspective

In the summer of 2011, Park District of Highland Park, in the State of Illinois, had planned to apply a weed control product on public green spaces.

COERCION and INTIMIDATION from Anti-Pesticide Activists resulted in a temporary postponement.

Anti-Pesticide Activists FALSELY ALLEGED to Highland Park Officials pest control products are somehow associated with certain health issues.

They also CONCOCTED THE STORY that pest control products somehow enter lakes and rivers through surface runoff and storm sewers.

They also ERRONEOUSLY ALLEGED that Pesticide-Free maintenance is successful for adequate turf conditions — when in fact, Pesticide-Free is a DISMAL FAILURE.

### What Is Highland Park ?

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Highland Park is one of several municipalities located on the North Shore of the Chicago Metropolitan Area.

Highland Park is a relatively affluent suburb of Chicago, located 40 kilometres north of Chicago on the shore of Lake Michigan, in the State of Illinois.

The population is over 33,000.

Highland Park is considered a Democratic stronghold, which explains the small CONSPIRACY within this com-

munity to PROHIBIT pest control products used in the Urban Landscape.

Local Anti-Pesticide Activists ALLEGED that the community was somehow shown overwhelming support for organic lawn care.

This was FALSE !

LESS THAN TWO-DOZEN Non-Expert Anti-Pesticide Lunatic-Residents COERCED, INTIMIDATED, and TERRORIZED Park Commissioners to PROHIBIT pest control products from the community's sports fields, under the PRETEXT that children and ground-water were at risk.

The Highland Non-Expert Anti-Pesticide Lunatics were WRONG.

### COTTON-PICKING in Highland Park

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Without the use of conventional pest control products, Highland Park had to resort to the BACK-BREAKING JOB OF WEED-PULLING BY HAND.

This ultimately led to DISMAL FAILURE, as it has in other jurisdictions.

Without effective weed control products, municipal employees and volunteer residents were required to CRAWL ON THEIR HANDS AND KNEES on lawns — pulling weeds manually.

Highland Park's Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION converted an educated professional labour force and middle-class





# Prohibition FAILURE

## Sports Fields Under Anti-Pesticide BAN Need To Be RESCUED

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

### **Highland Park**

[ State of Illinois ]

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Selected and adapted excerpts



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## Organic Maintenance

### Manual Weed Picking INEFFECTIVE

The Park District task force convened to research and recommend new turf management practices to treat the community's WEED-RIDDEN SPORTS FIELDS has CONCLUDED THE PREVIOUS MANUAL WEED PICKING PROPOSAL WOULD PROVE INEFFECTIVE.

While no official plan was determined during the group's first meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Executive Director Liza McElroy reported that the Parks Advisory Committee will reconvene to discuss other short-term options to RESCUE THE SPORTS FIELDS at Danny Cunniff, West Ridge and Larry Fink parks.

The panel was created in Fall 2011 after LESS THAN TWO-DOZEN Non-Expert Anti-Pesticide Lunatic-Residents COERCED, INTIMIDATED, and TERRORIZED Park Commissioners to PROHIBIT pest control products from the community's sports fields, under the PRETEXT that children and ground-water were at risk.

**TOTAL and DISMAL FAILURE of**

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have been OVER-RUN with  
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Consequently, the district to backed-off a planned one-time application of an herbicide.

Parks officials reported that THE THREE MAJOR SPORTS FIELDS HAVE BEEN OVER-RUN WITH MORE THAN 60 PERCENT WEED INVASION.

According to Executive Director Liza McElroy —

*In order to rid the sports fields of weeds by the spring  
[ by using Manual Weed Picking ] you would NEED AN ARMY.*

*The committee agreed that WE DON'T THINK THAT'S A SOLUTION.*



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## Organic Maintenance

**To rid the sports fields of weeds  
by using Manual Weed Picking, you NEED  
AN ARMY, and this is NOT a solution**

In other words, the Non-Expert Anti-Pesticide Activists, like Michelle Kramer and the LUNATIC-CLOWNS from Beyond Pesticides, who recommended Organic and Pesticide-Free Maintenance, KNEW NOTHING and were UTTERLY INCOMPETENT.

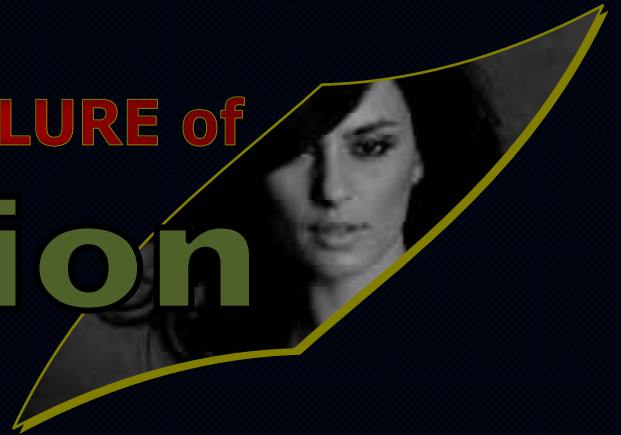
The Parks Advisory Committee did provide the district the GO-AHEAD TO CONTINUE USING HERBICIDES at Heller Nature Center to address the invasive spread of Buckthorn.

The district sought the approval of the committee as it had suspended chemical spraying district-wide in Fall 2011.

The use of pest control products was never previously PROHIBITED in open, natural areas as they are not heavily populated by park users.

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**Organic and Pesticide-Free  
Maintenance Practices Are  
DISMAL FAILURES**

**They Represent a MAJOR THREAT to  
the LEGITIMATE Green Space Industry**


**Enviro-Vermin Promoting These  
Practices Must Be Eradicated  
from the Green Space Industry**

**Rat them out !**









*Organic and Pesticide-Free  
Maintenance is **BOGUS***