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Request for approval of Milwaukee County Parks Integrated Pesticide Management Plan (IPMP), by recommending adoption of the following:

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, communities nationwide are addressing the use of pesticides through Integrated Pest Management Plans (IPMP), especially in heavily-trafficked areas, like parks, playgrounds, dog exercise areas, and farmer’s markets; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Recreation and Park Association, an IPMP focuses on reducing the use of pesticides through routine inspection, monitoring, reporting, and only using chemical treatments when necessary, once a threshold is crossed for pest and weed populations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), agrees with the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s position that states: “all pesticides are toxic to some degree, and the commonplace, widespread use of pesticides is both a major environmental problem and a public health issue”; and

WHEREAS, the DPRC currently follows a “least-use” chemical policy, which includes:

- A limit on the use of fertilizers, pesticides, and insecticides on open green spaces, and restricted to periods of low-user rates.
- The use of chemicals to maintain good turf conditions at golf courses.
- The development of an IPMP at golf courses, so as not to rely solely on chemicals.
- The treatment of stumps, in the case of invasive plant species, but no administration of any broadcast treatments.
- The administration of pesticides on baseball diamonds, only at the request of user groups.
- The placement of signage and proper notice whenever pesticides are used.
- The requirement that all full-time maintenance staff acquire a State of Wisconsin Commercial Pesticide License.
- Experimentation with non-selective organic weed killers, such as Finalsan, in place of traditional pesticides.
- Intermittent use of Flight Control Plus, a plant-based geese deterrent.

; and

43 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) in
44 File No. 19-518, requested that the DPRC formalize its pesticide and herbicide plan
45 through an IPMP for approval by the County Board, and that the DPRC post the plan on
46 its website so that it may be easily accessed and understood by the public; and
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48 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
49 September 10, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-711 as amended (vote 5-0);
50 now, therefore,
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52 BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC),
53 acknowledges that excessive or improper use of pesticides and herbicides may be
54 harmful, and the DPRC encourages the limitation of their use; and
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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPRC developed the Integrated Pest
57 Management Plan (IPMP) attached to this file, to reduce pesticide use to the greatest
58 possible extent within the parks system; and
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60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as requested by the Milwaukee County Board of
61 Supervisors (County Board) in File No. 19-518, the plan includes:
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- 63 • Methods for limiting the use of chemical pesticides and herbicides, including
64 glyphosate and Flight Control Plus, in Milwaukee County (the County) park areas
65 that are heavily-trafficked areas for children, families, or animals, such as
66 playgrounds, farmer's markets, outdoor concert spaces, and dog exercise areas.
- 67 • Policies and procedures to further protect the public and DPRC employees from
68 chemical pesticide and herbicide use and application.
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72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all DPRC divisions will evaluate and give
73 preference to non-pesticide management practices, use reasonably available alternative
74 pest control methods, and will minimize their pesticide use through the IPMP; and
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76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the IPMP, hereto attached to this file, is adopted
77 by the County Board as the formal policy of the County; and
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79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the IPMP, **along with a list of pesticides**
80 **currently in use by DPRC**, will be posted on the DPRC's website so that it will be
81 easily accessed by the public.
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