



March Board Cycle

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Date: February 19, 2020
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks
Subject: Milwaukee County Parks Integrated Pesticide Management Plan (IPMP) Annual Report – Info

Issue

Milwaukee County Parks continues to find ways to reduce pesticide usage, while continuing to provide beautiful landscapes throughout the parks.

Background

At the end of the 2019 summer season, in response to File No. 19-518, Parks developed, updated and introduced a Pest Management Plan (IPMP), which was approved by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors during the 2019 September Cycle. As a result of the IPMP development process the Parks Department has established the following:

- The responsibility and authority of being the IPMP coordinator has been assigned to our Golf & Athletic Turf Manager, Jon Canavan. Jon has been and will continue to be responsible for developing, implementing, and reviewing the IPMP as needed. In addition, Jon will review the EPA Special Review list and make staff and the IPMP Committee aware of any chemicals that appear on this list. Jon brings a wealth of knowledge to this subject, he continues to attend events, seminars, and take courses to stay updated on the latest and most innovated pesticide management practices and was previously the President of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association, where he coached other entities on IPMPs.
- An IPMP Committee was formed and it is made up of representatives from all Parks' Divisions including; Operations, Golf, Natural Areas, Horticulture, Forestry and Recreation. This committee is responsible for making sure that our field managers are following our guidelines when it comes to pesticide usage.
- Parks has minimized the use of pesticides by using this IPMP and including, Cultural Controls, Physical Controls, Mechanical Controls, and Biological Controls prior to pesticide use, especially in heavy traffic areas. In addition, the Department has limited the use of fertilizers, pesticides, and insecticides on open green spaces, and restricting application to periods of low use by the public
- All employees having any involvement in pesticide handling, application, disposal, and storage of pesticides have been properly trained. All full-time Parks Operations employees shall be certified through the Department of



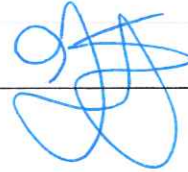
Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's Pesticide Applicator Certification Program via State of Wisconsin administered test and are required to recertify every five years.

- Parks began experimenting with non-selective ORGANIC weed killers, such as Finalsan, in place of traditional pesticides.

This information, along with the IPMP, has now been made easily accessible to the public via the Milwaukee County Parks website.

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Attachments:

- Milwaukee County Parks Integrated Pest Management Plan

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