

TO: IPM Policy Review Task Force

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RE: Survey of Current Practices under City's IPM Policy

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The Madison Food Policy Council's Pollinator Protection Work Group created the attached draft of a possible survey during its review of the city's current Integrated Pest Management policy (adopted in 2004) and generated questions about how the policy is functioning at the present time. The purpose of this survey would be to learn how the current policy is being implemented and what procedures are being followed. The information gathered would be used to guide the Task Force's recommendations on how it might be improved.

Department and Division leaders of agencies that deal with pesticides are aware of the potential for a survey of current practices from the Work Group's early contacts about the need for a review of the policy and a request for appropriate staff members who would be good candidates for the Task Force. While we expect that most respondents would identify themselves and their roles, the Work Group was aware that some staff members involved in using pesticides might have comments they'd prefer to share anonymously; the Task Force should consider whether to provide an option to accommodate this concern.

Please read the 2004 policy alongside this potential survey so you can see why there are questions for several categories of potential respondents – department/division heads, IPM coordinators, outside contract applicators; also questions about purchasing and reporting. Online, the survey can be structured with choices that provide the appropriate questions to these different topics.

As you prepare for the meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>, please consider the following:

- Are there any questions you would add to the survey?
- Do any of the questions need clarification?
- Have we left out any important categories of respondents?

Thanks for giving both the IPM Policy and this rough draft of a possible survey of current practices a close reading. See you on Monday.