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Hi Everyone

Thanks for a good meeting yesterday. Here is the info I promised to BCC on Mpls Parks and Rec, pesticide advisory committee with their commitment to reduce pesticides and the methods they are using to do so. Glad to hear that Engineering and Parks in Madison is planning to try out goats in some areas.

The main point here is that we can strategically set a policy goal toward pesticide reduction by continuing to identify how other municipalities are accomplishing this ardent goal. On that note, will see if we can dig up info on how they may be reducing reliance on fungicides (perhaps Paul knows or has contact there).

Thanks for the engagement, team!
Claire

Minneapolis Parks and Rec Board Budget

Complete document - no need to review this long document, the important parts are the excerpts below.

<https://ims.minneapolismn.gov/Download/File/1715/Superintendent%27s%20Recommended%202019%20Budget.pdf>

Strategic Direction C - Protect the Environment (page 4-5)

The MPRB Mission states that, "the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board shall permanently preserve, protect, maintain, improve and enhance its natural resources, parkland, and recreational opportunities for current and future generations." The MPRB Comprehensive Plan and the board's 2018-2022 Strategic Direction support this mission and commits to strategic and focused efforts to enhance open spaces and natural areas management, decreasing the MPRB

Superintendent's Recommended 2019 Budget

(EXERPT) ...carbon footprint, increase usage of electric vehicles and **reductions in pesticide usage**. This budget supports these efforts by including a community garden position and a forestry outreach position.

Mpls Glyphosate ban

The resolution also includes establishing a nine-member task force that will research alternatives used to treat invasive species and help staff transition toward pesticide-free resource management alternatives, according to the news release.

<http://www.startribune.com/minneapolis-park-board-to-end-all-glyphosate-use-on-parkland/495322901/>

Pesticide Advisory Committee -

Mpls https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care__improvements/parks__pesticides/pesticide-advisory-committee/

Paul Koch input https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/pac_meeting13_notes.pdf

Golf / Chip Osborn input https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/pac_meeting12_notes.pdf

Poison Ivy alternative to pesticides - https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/pac_meeting11_notes.pdf

Goats for buckthorn, MPLS <https://www.southwestjournal.com/news/parks/2018/06/minneapolis-gets-its-goats/>

