



OLYMPIA'S PESTICIDE-FREE PARKS PROGRAM
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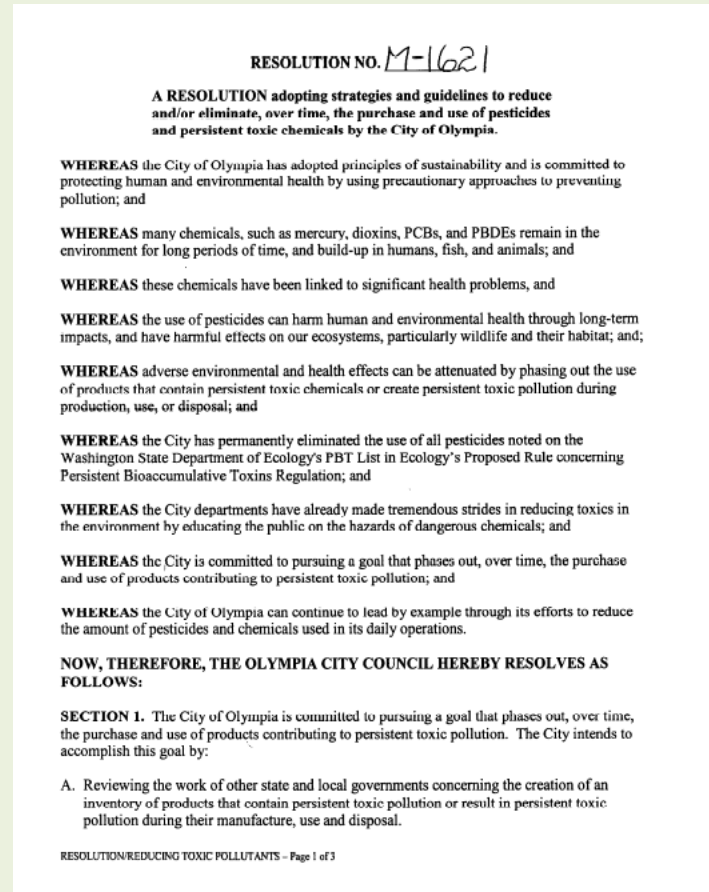
Background

2006 – Resolution to reduce use of pesticides by the City

Calls for City to phase out, over time, the purchase and use of products that contribute to toxic pollution

Benefits:

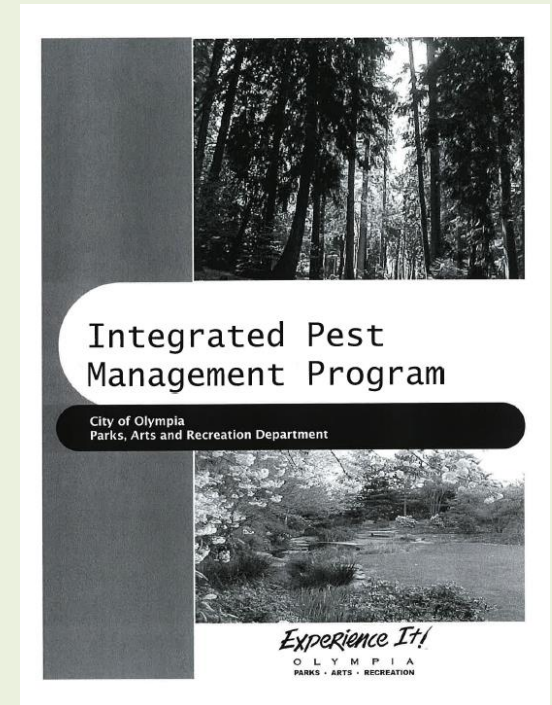
- Environmental
- Public health
- Employee health



Background

2006 – Integrated Pest Management Program

- Physical, mechanical, cultural, biological, and least-toxic chemical strategies
- Examples:
 - Mowing high/letting it lie
 - Pest-resistant plants
 - Turf management - fertilizing, controlled irrigation, overseeding, aeration
 - Calsense computerized irrigation
 - For weeds – mulching, hand pulling, flame burning



Pesticide-Free Parks Pilot

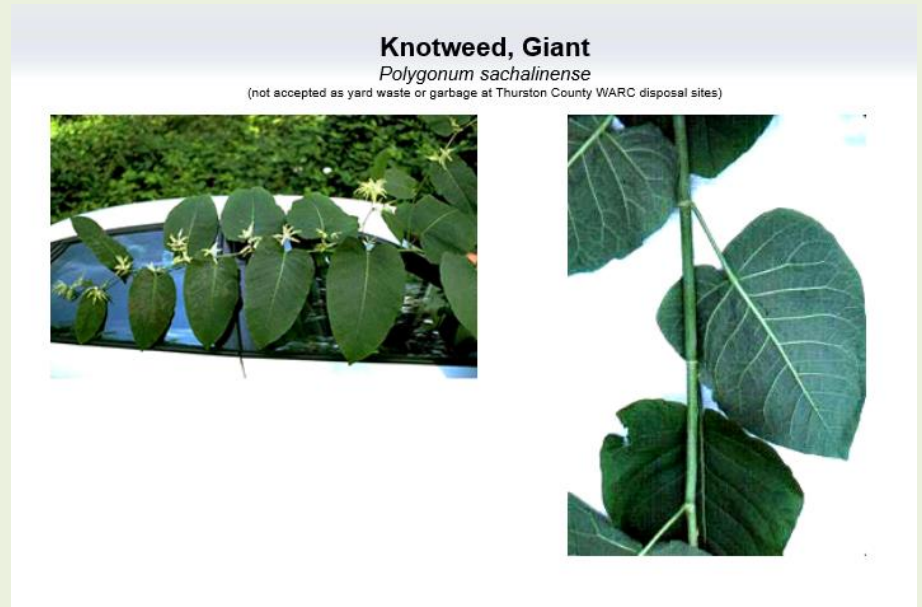
2014 Pilot Program – 6 Neighborhood Parks

- Bigelow
- Decatur Woods
- Harry Fain's Legion
- Lions
- Sunrise
- Woodruff



Exceptions

- Public health/safety concerns
- County-mandated noxious weed control:
 - Knotweed
 - Poison Hemlock
 - Tansy Ragwort
 - Spotted Knapweed



Pesticide-Free Parks Expansion

- Stinging Insect Collection



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- Weed burning



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- Vinegar-based weed killers



Pesticide-Free Parks Expansion

2019 – Expanded to all Olympia Parks

- Bigelow
- Decatur Woods
- Harry Fain's Legion
- Lions
- Sunrise
- Woodruff
- 8th Avenue
- Chambers Lake
- Kaiser Woods
- Bigelow Springs
- Burri Park
- Cooper Crest
- East Bay Waterfront
- Evergreen Park Drive
- Friendly Grove
- Garfield Nature Trail
- Grass Lake Nature Park
- Harrison Avenue Parcel
- Isthmus Parcels
- Karen Fraser Woodland Trail
- Kettle View
- LBA
- Madison Scenic
- Margaret McKenny
- McGrath Woods
- Mission Creek
- Percival Landing
- Priest Point
- Springwood Dr. Parcel
- Stevens Field
- Trillium
- Ward Lake
- Watershed
- West Bay Woods
- Yashiro Japanese Garden
- Yauger
- Heritage Park Fountain
- West Bay



Questions?