



## City Council

### Special Recognition - Pesticide Free Parks

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**Title**

Special Recognition - Pesticide Free Parks

**Recommended Action**

**Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee.

**City Manager Recommendation:**

Recognize Olympia's Pesticide Free Parks Program

**Report**

**Issue:**

Whether to Recognize Olympia's Pesticide Free Parks Program

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**Presenter(s):**

Jonathon Turlove, Director of Park Planning and Maintenance

**Background and Analysis:**

In 2014, the Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department (OPARD) began a pilot program making six neighborhood parks pesticide-free. The program was successful and has now been expanded to the rest of the park system.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

Anecdotally, there appears to be strong support in the community for practices that limit or eliminate pesticide use in parks.

**Options:**

N/A

**Financial Impact:**

This expansion will have minimal financial impact. Minor costs for signage and innovative tools/equipment will likely be offset by savings from reduced purchases of pesticides and related

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equipment.

**Attachments:**

None