



Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Update on Pesticide Free Parks Program

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Recommended Action

None - information only.

Report

Issue:

Receive a briefing on Olympia's Pesticide Free Parks program

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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 equipment.

Attachments:

PowerPoint Presentation

