

RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING A POLICY OF  
LEAST TOXIC INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS  
FOR UNWANTED VEGETATION AND OTHER PEST PROBLEMS  
ON PROPERTY MAINTAINED BY THE VILLAGE OF PIERMONT

WHEREAS, it is well recognized that the widespread use of pesticides may have a deleterious effect on the health of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the use of pesticides may also negatively affect our environment; and

WHEREAS, registration of pesticide products by the Environmental Protection Agency does not assure their safety; and

WHEREAS, both Rockland County and the Town of Orangetown have passed similar resolutions and have encouraged Village Mayors to implement a similar policy in their municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Environmental Management Council and the Rockland County Conservation Association both support this policy; and

WHEREAS, it is our intention to practice the safe landscape and building maintenance principles exemplified by the policies of the following three organizations: the Bio-Integral Research Center, the Ecological Landscaping Association, and the New York Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that it will be the policy of the Village of Piermont that cutting or other physical means shall be the preferred method for dealing with problem vegetation, crab grass, and lawn weeds on property maintained by the Village, including but not limited to the Highway Department, Buildings and Grounds Department, and Parks Department; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in cases where cutting is impractical, then it will be the policy that least-toxic integrated pest management solutions or non-toxic alternatives, such as changing the types of vegetation, shall be used for the removal of unwanted vegetation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that, if pesticides should be absolutely necessary, appropriate advance posting will be made to inform the public of the chemicals to be used and of their potency, and that, prior to use, specimen labels and material safety data sheets will be made available in the Village Hall; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this policy will become effective immediately.