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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN IN SUPPORT OF  
VOLUNTARY NON-USE OF PESTICIDES AND SYNTHETIC  
FERTILIZERS ON LAWNS AND GARDENS BY THE PEOPLE OF  
NEW HAVEN**

WHEREAS, The City of New Haven has rivers and streams in the watershed of Long Island Sound, thus giving it potential for non-point source pollution into Long Island Sound, which is the greatest water quality threat to the Sound. And

WHEREAS, While we realize that human activities may involve hazards, people must proceed more carefully than has been the case in recent history. Corporations, government entities, organizations, communities, scientists and other individuals must adopt a precautionary to all human endeavors. And

WHEREAS, When activity raises threats of harm to human health or the environment, precautionary measures should be taken. And

WHEREAS, Children, pets and the unborn child are particularly vulnerable to adverse health effects of synthetic lawn pesticides such as cancer, asthma, and neurodevelopmental disorders. And

WHEREAS, Lawn pesticides are known to contaminate soil, plant life, groundwater, rivers, and wells. And

**WHEREAS, Federal Registration of Pesticides is No  
Guarantee of Safety. And**

WHEREAS, Regular use of pesticides does kill the good bugs and healthy organisms which will, when left alone, take care of the pests that are not wanted. In other words, pesticides upset the balance of nature's job. And

WHEREAS, The increasing amounts of Nitrogen causing hypoxia (absence of oxygen) will in turn result in stress and death to the fish and plant life in the waters of Long Island

Sound. And

WHEREAS, Nitrogen-based fertilizers release unnatural amounts of nitrogen oxide into the atmosphere causing the greenhouse effect which results in further global warming.  
And

WHEREAS, Maintaining an organic lawn and garden by adding more composting materials for improving soil and conservation of moisture and encouraging a deeper root system will in turn require less care and less water.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT since the health of New Haven residents and guests, their water, the environment and Long Island Sound will benefit without further impact from the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, The City of New Haven urges all people to voluntarily refrain from the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides and encourages the use of organic lawn, soil, land, garden, and tree care.**

## **Appendix A**

**TESTIMONY OF MARK TEDESCO | Congressional and ...**

## **Appendix B**

**The Quality of Our Nation's Waters - USGS Publications Repository**

## **Appendix C**

**Protection of Our Inland Wetlands - Town of Branford**

## **References**

**<http://www.riversalliance.org/ModelOrdinances/pesticidesherbicides.htm#plainville1>**