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Dear Council Members,

I believe you will have the opportunity to vote on a No Mow May trial project for our city next month. This initiative encourages people to leave their lawns alone during the month of May to improve habitat and survival rates for vital pollinators.

I hope you will vote yes on this trial run and vote yes for making it permanent in future years. Not only will it benefit pollinators, it will also reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment.

I hope you will invite and support future changes, too, like:

- * Promoting transitions from lawns to pollinator habitats (like Minnesota's "Lawns to Legumes" program)
- * Replacing gas powered municipal/airport grounds maintenance equipment with electric powered equipment
- * Encouraging similar homeowner/business replacements
- * Considering making more municipal lawns into food gardens/food forests

For now, though, I hope you will support the trial of a No Mow May pilot project this year.

Thank you.

Cathy Van Maren

<https://psci.princeton.edu/tips/2020/5/11/law-maintenance-and-climate-change>

A article about Appleton's NMM program was recently in the NYT. This is the gift link (no paywall)

https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/28/travel/no-mow-may-wisconsin.html?unlocked_article_code=AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAACEIPuomT1JKd6J17Vw1cRCfTTMqmqxCdw_Plxftm3iWka3DODmwSiPgPCpaN_wDLYu9r-Qi0WOpGWDvMn9f667kldQ9aC1iuX2ooqC9nq4saYIVLSf65ex0we8P-ggETD3hoJOqqBJ43RYvVldZ6oEoD7T4pbzU9QW537BLaZBI&smid=url-share