



Pesticides Discussion

Background

- Comprehensive Plan referrals from the Town Council: Pesticides (#51): “Consider town actions to require residents to minimize pesticide use and take advantage of programs such as the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District (CCSWCD) Healthy Yardscaping initiative.”
- At the October 16, 2019 meeting, the Town Council referred to the Ordinance Committee the Comprehensive Plan recommendation regarding pesticides. The Ordinance Committee engaged in an information gathering program over three meetings, as follows:
- May 13, 2020: The committee discussed the purpose of a local ordinance, existing state regulation, what other towns are doing and agreed to pursue a series of speakers to learn about options.
- September 2, 2020: The Ordinance Committee heard a presentation from the Falmouth Conservation Commission Chair about adoption and ongoing implementation of Falmouth's Pesticide Ordinance (adopted in March of 2020).
- September 28, 2020: The Ordinance Committee referred the topic back to the Town Council with the following recommendation: “to send pesticide regulation back to the Town Council for discussion of adopting the Town of Falmouth's approach of tracking community application of pesticides and logging volume before adopting restrictions, and then consider additional steps”.
- May 4, 2022: Town Council Meeting: Brief discussion and Request for additional information with regards to other municipalities and their work to date.

What We are Currently Doing/ What We Have Done

Research


Municipal Ordinances Review (by Ordinance Committee)

Allagash	Portland
Arrowsic	Rockland
Brunswick	South Portland
Falmouth	Standish
Harpswell	Wells

What We are Currently Doing/ What We Have Done

Education and Outreach

- Promoting programs such as the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District (CCSWCD) Healthy Yardscaping initiative.
 - TML Events
 - Web and Social Media Posts
 - Noticing
- “Yardscaping 2.0” program development with CCSWCD



THOMAS
MEMORIAL
LIBRARY

NEWS & EVENTS FOR ADULTS

See reverse for Kids & Families

**AUGUST
2022**

ECO-FRIENDLY YARDS

Two programs with Ali Clift
from the Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District

Yardscaping:
Healthy Lawn Care Made Easy

Tuesday, August 9
6:00 - 8:00 pm


Do you want a beautiful lawn that is safe for families, pets, and the environment and that will save you time and money? Learn how to build healthy soil for a healthy lawn with tips on fertilizing, weed and thatch control, renovating an unhealthy lawn, transitioning to organic care, and more.

From Lawns to Landscapes:
Save Time, Money, and Have a Great Yard

Tuesday, August 16
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Learn how to maintain a vibrant yard year after year without relying on synthetic products that are harmful to our waterways. Discover ways to reduce your lawn by creating pollinator gardens, edible landscapes, rain gardens, vegetative buffers, and more!

Whether you maintain your lawn or hire a professional, round up your neighbors and join us! **All are welcome!** This program will take place **in person at the library** and will be **streamed simultaneously on Zoom**, for those wishing to attend virtually.



MAINE WILDLIFE SERIES

SCAVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

with the Center for Wildlife

Tuesday, August 23, 2022
6:30 - 7:30 pm via Zoom

Scavenger species are often looked down upon, but this month we're celebrating the importance of nature's clean up crew! Join Center for Wildlife educators and ambassador animals as we explore the world of scavengers and highlight a few of the important species found right here in the state of Maine. Register for this program on the library's website.

To Residents near Trout Brook

The Thomas Memorial Library is hosting 2 workshops to promote healthy yardscaping which you may attend in person or remotely. The Town of Cape Elizabeth and City of South Portland have partnered for many years to improve the water quality of Trout Brook. As you may know, Trout Brook is classified as an 'impaired stream', meaning it does not meet several water quality standards for brooks/streams. As a property owner near Trout Brook, you are a vitally important partner. The upcoming workshops will provide alternative landscape options that can help maintain or improve the overall water quality of Trout Brook. We hope you can join these free workshops to learn more.

Please use the links below to register for these free workshops.

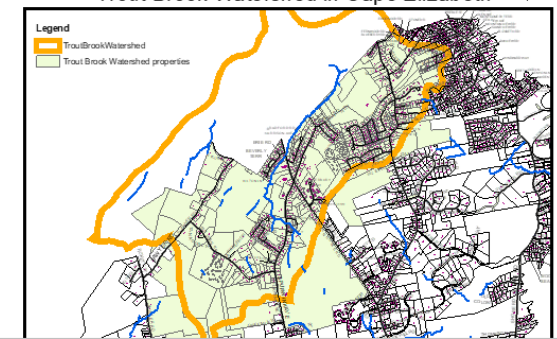
[Yardscaping: Healthy Lawn Care Made Easy](#)

Tuesday, August 9th: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

[From Lawns to Landscapes: Save Time, Money and Have a Great Yard](#)

Tuesday, August 16th: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Trout Brook Watershed in Cape Elizabeth



What We are Currently Doing/ What We Have Done

Regulatory

- Town's Stormwater Permit regulates illegal disposal of pesticides into municipal storm drain systems, ditches and waterways.
- Reliance on State of Maine (DACF) pesticide applicators regulations.

What We are Currently Doing/ What We Have Done

Removal of Products From Circulation/Use/the Environment

Promoting proper disposal techniques through:

- Town HHW day collection, and
- State of Maine pesticide collection events.



Town of Cape Elizabeth

Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Collection Day



**Saturday
November 5, 2022**

What to Bring:

From the Yard - Pesticides, Insecticides, Fertilizer, Herbicides, Insect Sprays, Pelletized Rodent Killers, Ant Traps, Acids, No-Pest Strips, & Pool Chemicals.



Town of Cape Elizabeth, Maine

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State's Obsolete Pesticide Collection Program to occur in October

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The Maine Department of Agriculture Conservation & Forestry announces a collection of unwanted pesticides free of charge.



Augusta, Maine - The Obsolete Pesticide Collection Program protects Maine's natural resources and prevents agriculture pollution by promoting the safe and proper disposal of outdated, unused, or unwanted pesticides. The program is made possible by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Board of Pesticides Control (BPC) and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The program is a partnership between the state and local communities.

Relevant Documents

Included in Agenda Packet

- Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes
 - May 2020
 - August 2020
 - September 2020
- Pesticide Ordinance Survey Results
- Land Care Management Ordinance (South Portland)
 - Fact Sheets
 - Ordinance
- Pesticide Ordinance (Falmouth)
 - 2020 Report
 - 2021 Report
 - Ordinance

Options for Consideration/Next Steps

- Continue to take advantage of, and/or strengthen, Current/Future Education and Outreach Efforts
 - Continue Yardscaping Program Support
 - Continue Yardscaping 2.0 Program Development and Rollout.
 - Educate landowners on
 - Risks of synthetic pesticides
 - Organic alternatives.
- Establish a new ordinance.



End Presentation/ Council Discussion