

[WG Listserv] Re: Listserv] NYTimes: In Wisconsin: Stowing Mowers, Pleasing Bees

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Hi John:

Whether your comment was as a private citizen or as Mayor, we shouldn't trivialize the "no-mow" issue." It's not a May or April question.

The issue is whether we, as a Town or as individuals, recognize the environmental degradation caused by maintaining turf grass. Countless studies leave no doubt about that.

Here's a quote from a recent article in the Washington Post weekend magazine: "A lawn is just a garden under authoritarian rule." In a broader context, I think that the Town does tend to over-manage and mismanage its vegetation, with less than environmentally-friendly results. For starters, can't we at least question the acreage artificially maintained in grass, and the frequency of mowing? That would be a low-hanging fruit solution, from which we could make a more comprehensive reassessment of larger issues.

Many Town residents have committed to improving vegetative management on their land and the sustainability group has put forward helpful suggestions.

The Town government also needs to take action towards a more enlightened approach to vegetative management. Please share this email with the Town Council.

As usual, thanks for your service as Mayor!