

Action Plan - Organic Land Management

Columbia, MO

Grantee: [XXXX]

Contact: [XXXX]

Total cost (\$24,650) breakdown: \$18,000 for soil analysis, remote training, and management plan; \$6,200 for site visit (to be arranged when feasible); and approximately \$450 for soil samples.

Community Contribution: \$[XXX]

Funds Requested from Beyond Pesticides: \$[XXX]

To encourage communities to transition to organic land management, Beyond Pesticides will underwrite the cost of this training, if necessary. Beyond Pesticides asks communities commit at least two public spaces to the action plan.

Services to be funded: 1-day (up to 8 hour) remote training by Osborne Organics [or an equivalent service provider with knowledge and experience in organic turf and landscape management], comprehensive soil testing, site documentation, creation of organic land management plan for each site, and technical assistance throughout the transition period.

Expected Outcomes: Trained staff and administrators - 1-day training for administrators and staff focused on the concepts and techniques to convert traditional land management to organic. This training is the first step in implementation of a strategy to adopt organic land management practices by:

1. Enabling decision makers to understand the concepts, challenges, strategies, benefits and outcomes of natural, organic land care to equip them to set and implement a new city policy.
2. Preparing the staff and decision makers to participate in the development and implementation of a transition plan to be facilitated by Osborne Organics (or an equivalent service provider with knowledge and experience in organic turf and landscape management) to chemical-free management of public lands.

With the city's cooperation, the service provider will conduct the following activities related to turf management at each pilot site chosen by the community:

- Document existing conditions.
- Determine site expectations.
- Test soil and analyze nutrient, textural, and soil microbial life.
- Assess current and past management practices, both cultural and product.
- Review city records of material and product use.
- Formulate a natural, organic land management plan to transition each pilot site.
- Help develop contract specifications for related work that the community contracts out.
- Provide technical assistance throughout the duration of the project (minimum of two years).
- Assist with any issues the city encounters transferring the knowledge learned from the pilot sites to the management of all public lands.

To initiate the action plan, a signature from an official within the city responsible for landscape management is required,

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name/Title: _____