



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date:	Dec. 9, 2024
Department:	Public Space and Sustainability
Agenda Section:	Consent
Public hearing:	No
Date of public hearing:	N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

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ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Integrated Pest Management Plan

Attachments:

Integrated Pest Management Plan

Summary:

Pests are populations of living organisms (animals, plants, or microorganism) located where they are not wanted and/or that may cause health, economic, or ecological damage. The use of pesticides in urban, suburban, and agricultural settings has grown over the past several decades. Many public agencies have incorporated routine pesticide use into their buildings and grounds maintenance programs. In recent years, human health and environmental concerns have produced a heightened sensitivity to pesticide use. Such concern has created an awareness of the need for alternatives to dependence on pesticides as a sole solution to pest control. The primary alternative approach is integrated pest management. Many institutions are adopting formal integrated pest management plans in their management practices.

Integrated pest management is an approach that establishes a sustainable management practice for controlling pests by combining cultural, mechanical, biological, and chemical tools in a way that minimizes health, economic, and environmental risks. It is a pest population management system that utilizes site monitoring, predetermined thresholds, and all suitable techniques of pest control to reduce or manipulate pest populations while providing protection against hazards to humans, domestic animals and the environment. Integrated pest management seeks to understand the causes of pest problems, implements long-term solutions, and employs a means of prevention rather than mere treatment of symptoms.

This plan applies to buildings and grounds owned and maintained by the Town of Hillsborough. The plan outlines procedures to be followed to protect the health and safety of staff and the public from pests and pesticide hazards.

Financial impacts:

None

Staff recommendation and comments:

Adopting an integrated pest management plan is a recommendation in the Comprehensive Sustainability Plan and aligns with the town's Bee City USA initiatives.

Action requested:

Adopt the integrated pest management plan for town facilities.