

# MEMO



## Engineering Department

To: Board of Public Works  
From: John Neumeier, Director of Public Works/City Engineer  
Date: 4/14/2025  
Re: Slow-Mow Summer

### Background information:

In 2023, the City stopped promoting "No-Mow May" and began to promote different ways to help pollinators with a more holistic approach called "Slow-Mow Summer". Some ways to participate include decreasing the amount of times grass is cut, planting flowers and native plants; especially plants that flower early in the season, increasing mower height to highest setting, and reducing pesticide use. These actions not only help pollinators like bees and butterflies, but they are also important stormwater management practices. Slow-Mow Summer actions help create lawns that require less chemicals, promote more infiltration, require less watering and help keep pollutants out of our rivers and lakes. We are again recommending the City encourages residents to participate in Slow-Mow Summer, promoting pollinator friendly actions that anyone can take part in to create pollinator friendly yards. Find out more here: [Slow-Mow Summer - 1000 Islands Environmental Center](#)

### Strategic Plan:

Helps make Kaukauna a Community of Choice for pollinators.

Budget: NA

### Staff Recommended Action:

Direct staff to continue promoting the "Slow-Mow Summer" program and participate as much as practical in City parks and open spaces. Direct staff to continue promoting the "Slow-Mow Summer" program and participate as much as practical in City parks and open spaces.

