

Legislation Text

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Urging the Washtenaw County Road Commission to reduce herbicide use through Adoption of a Comprehensive Roadside Vegetation Control Plan Based on Best Environmental Management Practices

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Whereas, persistent herbicides can remain active in the environment for long periods of time, potentially causing soil and water contamination and adverse effects to other plants, animals, and humans; and,

Whereas, every year the Washtenaw County Road Commission conducts its Roadside Vegetation Control Program to help keep the roadside clear of vegetation by boom mowing and spraying of a mixture of herbicides along rural county road right-of-ways, covering one-quarter of the county each year; and,

Whereas, the Washtenaw County Road Commission has no jurisdiction within the City of Ann Arbor so no spraying will take place within the City;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Environmental Commission recommends that City Council urge the Washtenaw County Road Commission to develop a comprehensive roadside vegetative management plan based on best environmental management practices.