

## **Section II. - Mission Statement**

It is the mission of the Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department's IPM policy to sustain the beauty and recreation capabilities of its city's parks in an environmentally friendly, safe and responsible manner. In doing so, the department will take into account the impact to the environment, and the health of the public and city staff. The following IPM policy describes the department's goals and explains how they will be achieved.

## **Section III. – Proactive Goals of IPM**

Scientific research indicates over exposure to certain pesticides can cause health problems. This is an issue for the public, as well as staff.

Pesticides can also pose an environmental hazard. The movement of pesticides into waterways, wetlands and water sources is of great concern.

The purpose of this IPM policy, instituted by the Parks and Recreation Department, is to:

- Create a unified Parks and Recreation policy to correlate pest management practices throughout the entire department.
- Identify locations where pesticides are currently applied.
- Minimize the risk of pesticides to human health or environmental risks by:
  - A.) Encouraging the use of effective, less-hazardous pest reduction alternatives.
  - B.) Reducing the Parks and Recreation pesticide products list.
  - C.) Decrease the use of pesticides.
  - D.) Promote responsible application to reduce non target adverse effects on staff, public, and natural resources.
- Learn about plants and pests to establish an action threshold of pest tolerance at park sites.
- Conduct on-going training for staff to address risk and safety factors (protective equipment, signage, and weather conditions), new pest control methods, and other pest management practices.
- Establish consistent written documentation of pest activities and control action record -keeping system throughout the department.
- Allocate workload, which includes; administering, implementing, and evaluating the IPM policy to current staff or new hires acquired to compensate for additional workload.
- Produce estimates of budgetary adjustments to be made for IPM and pesticide reduction (i.e. staffing, bed modification, and training).
- Create a consistent public notification procedure on when and where pesticides are applied.