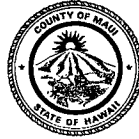


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The Honorable Mike White
Council Chair
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair White:

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, MAINTENANCE DIVISION, FROM BEYOND PESTICIDES FOR SOIL ANALYSIS AND REVIEW OF CURRENT TURF MAINTENANCE PRACTICES, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3.56, MAUI COUNTY CODE (PRL-23)

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, MAINTENANCE DIVISION, FROM BEYOND PESTICIDES FOR SOIL ANALYSIS AND REVIEW OF CURRENT TURF MAINTENANCE PRACTICES, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3.56, MAUI COUNTY CODE," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don S. Guzman".

DON S. GUZMAN, Chair
Parks, Recreation, Energy, and Legal
Affairs Committee

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Enclosure

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 17-109

Resolution

No. _____

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION TO THE
COUNTY OF MAUI, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION,
MAINTENANCE DIVISION, FROM BEYOND PESTICIDES
FOR SOIL ANALYSIS AND REVIEW OF CURRENT TURF
MAINTENANCE PRACTICES, PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 3.56, MAUI COUNTY CODE

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation desires to implement the best practices for economical and sustainable turf maintenance in the various County Parks; and

WHEREAS, a national, non-profit organization, Beyond Pesticides, has offered to conduct soil analysis at four diverse sites selected by the Department of Parks and Recreation in order to evaluate the microbial activity and soil composition at each site and recommend economically viable pesticide-free alternatives for turf maintenance, as further detailed in Exhibit "1", attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the soil analysis and evaluation by Beyond Pesticides is approximately \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3.56, Maui County Code, authorizes the Council to accept gifts and donations on behalf of the County; now, therefore,

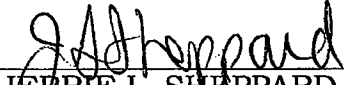
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it hereby expresses its appreciation and accepts the aforesaid donation on behalf of the County of Maui; and

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2. That the Mayor, through the Department of Parks and Recreation, is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents and fulfill other requirements to comply with the soil analysis program discussed herein, including answering questions, providing soil samples for lab analysis, meeting with designated soil or site evaluation agents, or other related requirements in order to conduct the soil analysis; and
3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Finance, and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY:



JERRIE L. SHEPPARD
Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui
2016-0428

**Organic Land Management Action Plan
Maui County, Hawaii**

Community/Grantee: County of Maui, Hawaii

Contact: Karla Peters, Maintenance Supervisor, Department of Parks and Recreation
700 Halia Nakoa St., Unit 2, Wailuku, HI 96793
Phone: (808) 270-7327 Email: Karla.peters@co.maui,hi.us

Organization/Grantor: Beyond Pesticides

Funding:

Cost of Project: \$ 5,000

Project Funds Provided by Organization/Grantor: \$5,000

Community Contribution: \$[0]

Services to be funded by Organization/Grantor: Soil analysis of up to four sites selected by the Department of Parks and Recreation, County of Maui; site visit by Beyond Pesticides to record current practices and budget restrictions; development of transition plan unique to each site with 1-day (8 hours) of training by organic turf and landscape management expert; support for implementation and a follow-up site visit and training as needed.

Expected Outcomes

Trained staff and administrators. The 1-day training for administrators and maintenance staff of the Parks Department will focus on the concepts and techniques to convert traditional and integrated pest management (IPM) land management to organic practices, pest prevention strategies that promote soil and plant health through enhancement of soil biology.

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 going organic to enable them to set a new Department policy.
2. Preparing the staff and decision makers to participate in the development and implementation of a possible transition plan to be facilitated by Beyond Pesticides (with the assistance of a service provider with knowledge and experience in organic turf and landscape management) to chemical free management of public lands.

Beyond Pesticides will contribute up to 100% of the cost of this training, soil testing, and other costs associated with the site evaluations and production of reports. Beyond Pesticides is encouraging the County of Maui to conduct this training and is willing to provide financial support for this action plan to make the transition starting in specific locations within the Department of Parks and Recreation. The County of Maui, Department of Parks and Recreation, is willing to commit at least two and up to four public spaces to this approach pending results of the evaluations, reports, and proposed action plans.

EXHIBIT " 1 "

The Department will work with Beyond Pesticides to conduct the following activities related to turf management:

- Document existing conditions using the attached questionnaire.
- Determine site expectations.
- Collect and test soil and analyze nutrient, textural, and soil microbial life using tools provided by Beyond Pesticides.
- Assess current and past management practices, both cultural and product.
- Provide access to records on material and product use.
- Formulate action and management plan and report to transition in an area of the Department's choosing.
- Help develop contract specifications for the related work that the Department contracts out.
- Receive technical assistance through the first year of transition.

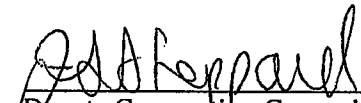
To initiate the action plan, a signature from a government official responsible for landscape management in Maui County is required.

Prior to signature by a Maui County official, County Council acceptance of this proposal is required pursuant to Chapter 3.56 of the Maui County Code, as it constitutes a Gift or Donation to the County.

COUNTY OF MAUI

By: _____ Date: _____
Its Mayor

Approved as to
Form and Legality:



Deputy Corporation Counsel
(LF 2016-0428)