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To: <u>City Council and Mayor</u>

Subject: "Good Neighbor Iowa" healthy parks program

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## Hello!

I live in west Ames, just a couple of blocks south of Daley Park. I am also a Local Champion for the University of Northern Iowa's "Good Neighbor Iowa" program, which aims to encourage homeowners, businesses and municipalities to rethink the use of lawn chemicals on their properties.

I am forwarding you some information that you may find of interest. Since Ames is now a self-proclaimed a "Bird-Friendly" community, and is working very hard on its climate action plan, perhaps Ames can also start pledging to make our neighborhoods safer for adults, children and pets...and pollinators and birds as well!

There are other Local Champions living in Ames but I am happy to jumpstart this effort in our community. And I would love to see Daley Park as the inaugural park in Ames to go make the transition to chemical-free.

You can learn more about Good Neighbor Iowa program here: <a href="https://goodneighboriowa.org">https://goodneighboriowa.org</a>

Thank you for your time, as always. Feel free to forward my email onto any other department that may have an interest in this program.

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