

Citizen Resolution # 682222

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Soil is the foundation of life on earth. Focusing on soil health has unmeasurable benefits.

Focusing on soil health is the foundation to a healthier ecosystem. It will protect and restore the land, water and air shared by plants, animals, insects and humans. A great way to do this is to focus on topsoil health, which in turn benefits the biodiversity among native insect, plant and animal populations. It also greatly helps our lakes and streams and the plants and animals in them. Among the many ways to promote soil health: Require native prairie strips in agricultural fields. These additions to ag. fields take up very little space. Devoting 10% of the total acreage to protecting the integrity of the soil will drastically reduce soil and nutrient runoff by retaining key nutrients. These strips also prevent water runoff allowing the fields themselves to be more drought resistant and will require less time, effort and resources consumed by constantly watering. Eliminate the usage of herbicides and pesticides in both farm fields and private lawns. Lastly, road salt and brine have an extremely negative effect on our soils as well as our lakes, streams, and groundwater. These are just a couple of possible solutions to a healthier environment by protecting our soil, water, food and air. While also promoting native insects, plants, and animals.

Would you support the Conservation Congress working with state legislature to increase the efforts protecting and improving soil health by requiring the use of prairie strips in ag fields as well as eliminating the use of herbicides and pesticides?

Additional Information provided by author:

https://www.nrem.iastate.edu/research/STRIPS/files/page/files/ae3613_1.pdf

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