

VILLAGE OF CROSS PLAINS RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06 RESOLUTION APPROVING NO MOW MAY

WHEREAS, the Village of Cross Plains is in a unique position, to significantly increase pollinator-friendly habitat by encouraging pollinator-friendly lawn-care practices and citizens can take a direct and meaningful action on their own properties; and

WHEREAS, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat is comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season, is free or nearly free of pesticides, is comprised of undisturbed spaces including leaf and brush piles, un-mown fields, fallen trees, and other dead wood for nesting and overwintering, and provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the formative period for establishment of pollinator and other insect species, and the many songbirds and other urban wildlife species which depend upon them, occurs in late spring and early summer when they emerge from dormancy and require flowering plants as crucial foraging habitat; and these opportunities are dramatically reduced with early spring leaf-litter removal and grass-mowing; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Cross Plains continues to show our commitment to the care of our environment with this one additional way to support pollinators; the village shall suspend mowing alongside Black Earth Creek in Zander Park area and the Village Hall property between May 1st and June 1st of 2023, AND

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village of Cross Plains, recognizes the entire 2023 month of May as No Mow May in the Village of Cross Plains, and encourage all citizens to support these efforts to protect our pollinators; and

FURTHER, for the duration of the month of May, the Village shall suspend the enforcement of Section 24.08, limiting the height of lawn and grasses, or any other section that regulates the length of grass until June 1, 2023, allowing pollinator species to emerge and early flowering grasses to establish, which may result in ground-cover exceeding established ordinance height restrictions and weed growth. Enforcement of the Ordinance regulating length of grass will commence on June 1, 2023.


Jay Lengfeld-Village President


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