

Kathy O'Rear

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To: Kathy O'Rear
Cc: Barry & Kathy Bracken
Subject: RE: Letter response to Petersburg Borough Assembly_Herbicides and Pesticides

Hi Kathy,

Some more thoughts on Assembly action on the herbicide spraying issue. The Assembly should probably research how other agencies, specifically the USFS, deals with herbicide application. I don't know if I will have time to contact them, but will try to. I know they use "individual" plant application to avoid broad based spraying. Also, what are their protocols on dealing with invasive plants in riparian/aquatic areas? Are there buffer strips that are used to determine what application methods are used? If not, I think that the Assembly should entertain that idea.

One thing that may be problematic with requiring Assembly approval of herbicide spraying is making it clear that private home owner use on private land of herbicides is not included. I think it needs to be worded so that it's directed at government use on government land and possibly commercial use on commercial land. However, the latter could also be a bit problematic.

Thanks,
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