

Pesticide Free Safe for all living things



MARKHAM PESTICIDE FREE PILOT PROJECT

Education Sub-Committee



ELEMENTS OF THE PESTICIDE FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION/OUTREACH PROGRAM

- 1. Pesticide Free Display Booth and Public Events • 7. Pesticide Free “Safe for all Living Things” lawn signs
- 2. Pesticide Free Brochure • 8. Pesticide Free Park signs
- 3. 10 Steps to a Healthy Lawn insert • 9. Books/Resources in Town of Markham Libraries
- 4. Healthy Lawn Care Calendar • 10. OMG Media
- 5. Guide to Pesticide Free Gardening Advertisements
- 6. Pesticide FAQ’s • 11. Organic Lawn Care workshops/seminars
- 12. Lawn Naturalization/Markham Green Neighbourhoods Program



Markham Pesticide-Free Information Display



People visiting display at Thornhill Festival



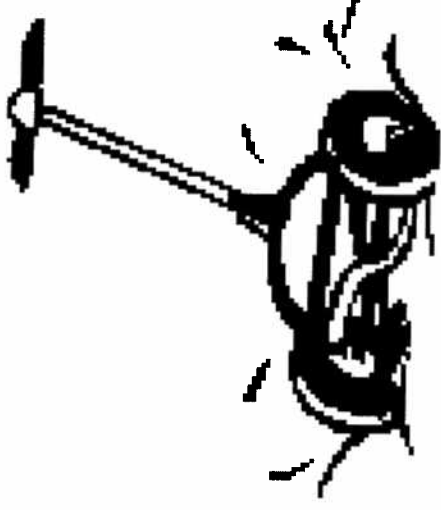
Councillor Erin Shapero with Pesticide-Free Display



TEN STEPS TO A HEALTHY LAWN

Save time and money

- 1. Choose the right grass
- 2. Mow high
- 3. Grasscycle
- 4. Top-dress and fertilize
- 5. Let your lawn breathe
- 6. Water the roots
- 7. Remove thatch
- 8. Understand insects and their role in our gardens
- 9. Develop a tolerance for dandelions and unwanted plants
- 10. Get creative and consider alternative ground covers

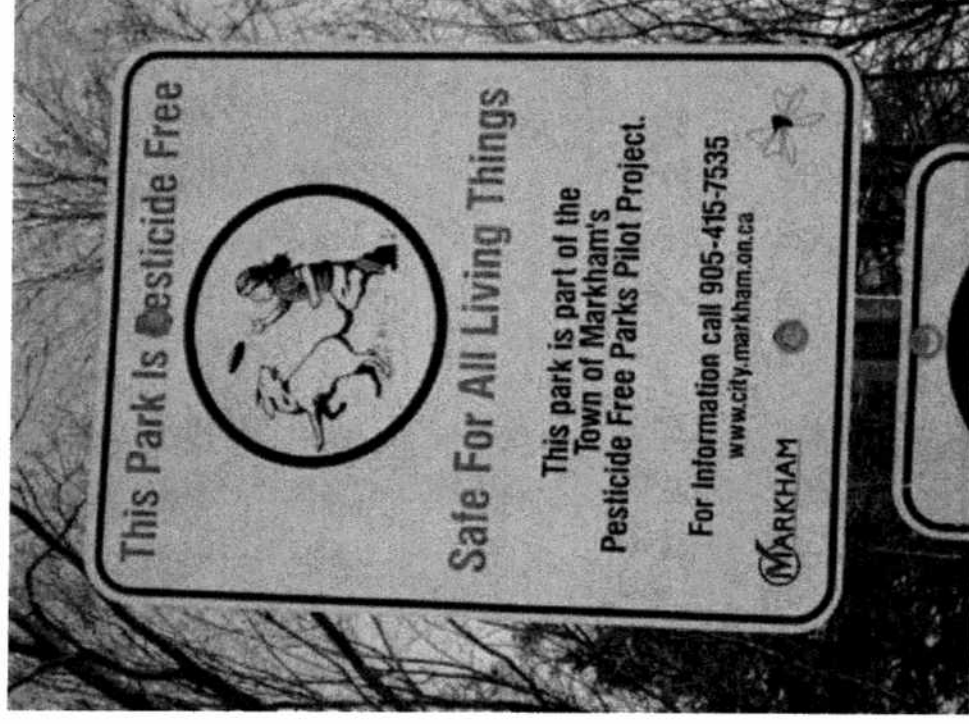


Alternatives or additions to lawns: Native Gardens



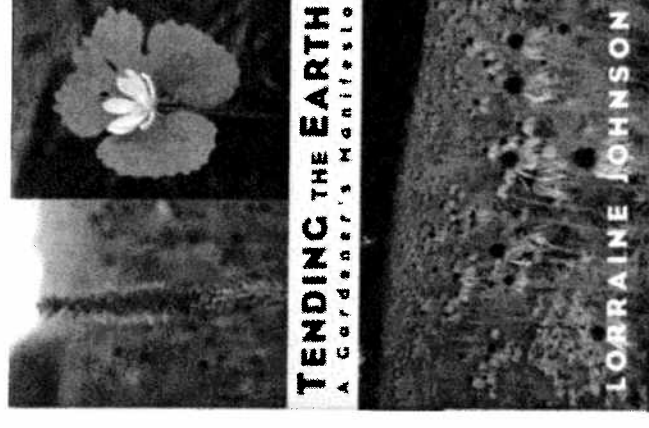
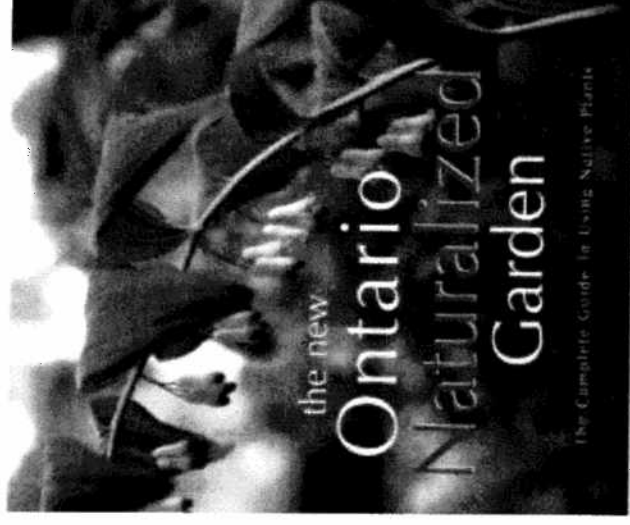
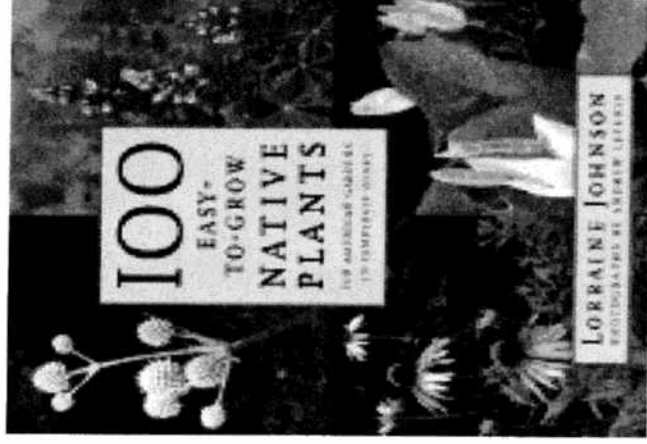


Sign in one of the Five Pesticide Free Parks in Ward 2

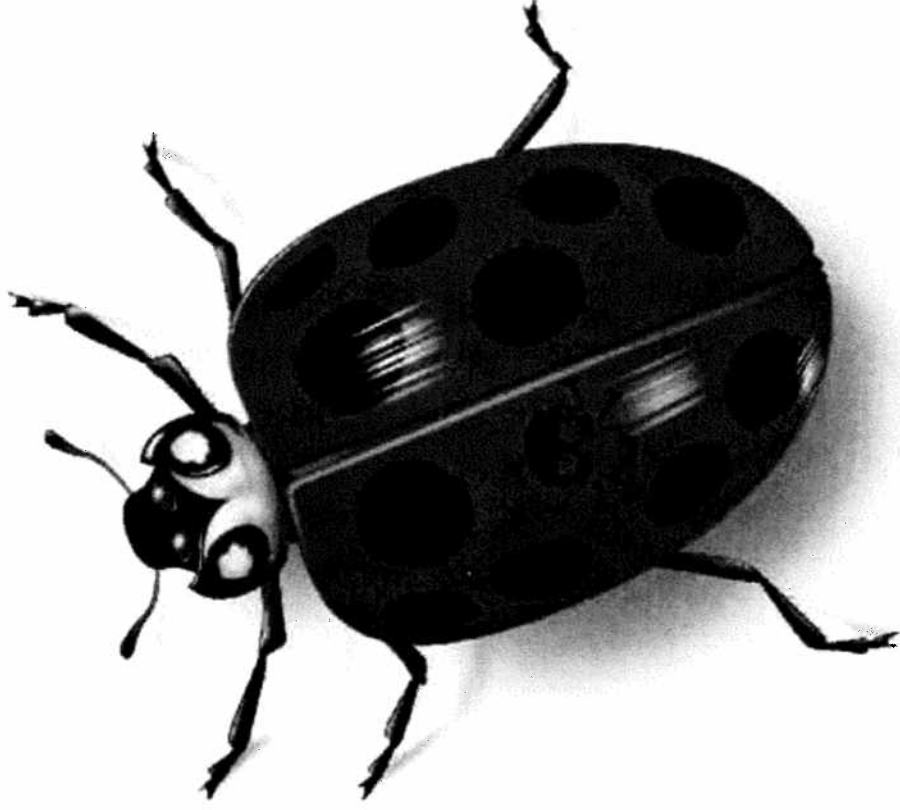


Books available through Markham Public Library

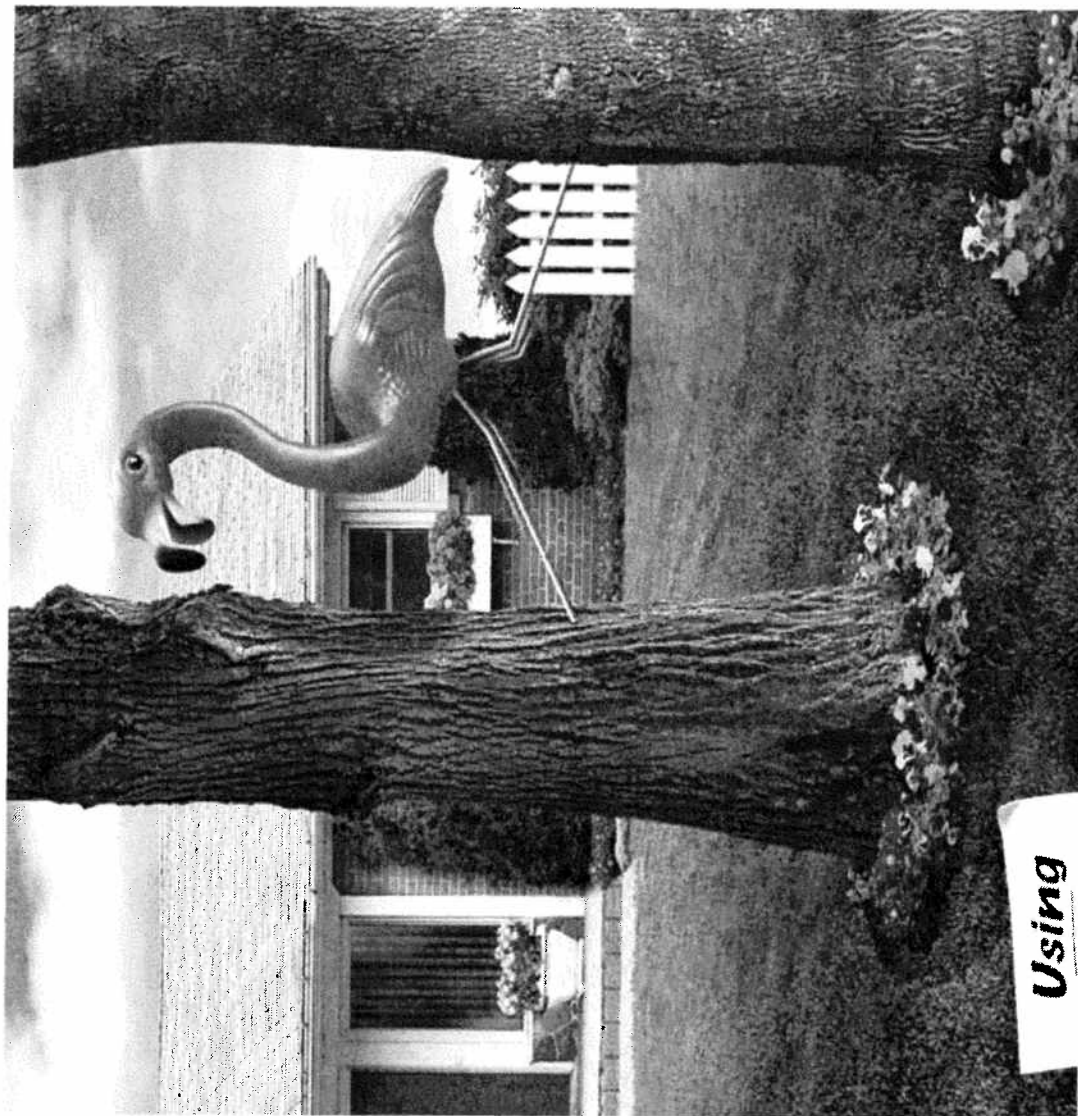
- The New Ontario Naturalized Garden, author Lorraine Johnson
- 100 Easy-to-Grow Native Plants, author Lorraine Johnson
- Tending the Earth, author Lorraine Johnson



Please keep poisons off the grass.



Pesticides harm bugs, animals and children. They can cause nausea, skin and eye irritations. Not to mention, pollute our water. When it rains, pesticides wash off into our rivers, the waterfront and Lake Ontario - our drinking water source. The good news is you can have a healthy lawn without spraying pesticides. This weekend, get your lawn off chemicals.



**Using
TOO MANY
PESTICIDES?**

Call 416-397-LAWN
www.city.toronto.on.ca/pesticides

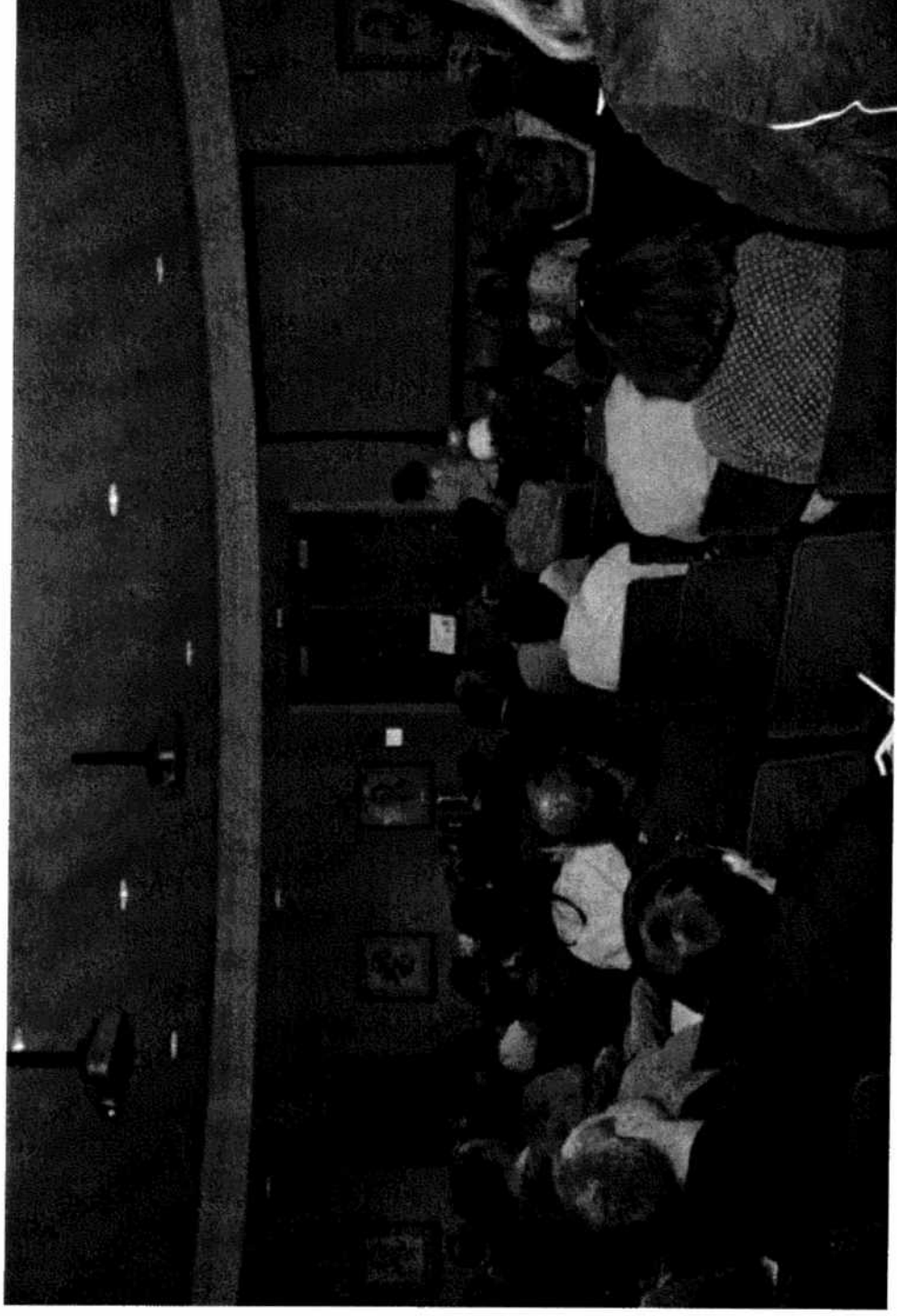
You don't have to give up a great looking lawn when you reduce or eliminate pesticides. There are many effective natural alternatives. And by going natural, rain runoff from your lawn won't carry pesticides to rivers and Lake Ontario — our drinking water source. For more, visit our web site, or call for your free copy of *The Green Guide to a Healthy Lawn*.



Toronto



Organic Lawn Care for the Cheap & Lazy Presentation in Markham



Beneficial Insects
Butterfly Gardens
Landscaping for Energy Conservation
Naturescaping
Organic Lawn Care



St. Rene students make Pesticide-Free banner for
Markham Town Centre



Beautiful, Healthy Organic Lawn



Lawn maintained organically!

