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PESTICIDE PHASE-OUT LAWS: PROCESSING, PLANNING, AND PROMOTING SUCCESSFUL
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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In 1999, the Suffolk County Legislature passed County Code Chapter 380, effective January 1, 2000. This bill phases out the use of pesticides on County owned properties and buildings. Effective July 1 2003, no County agency, department, or contracted applicator will be permitted to apply any substance classified as a known, likely, or possible carcinogen, except in the issuance of a waiver or as provided for in section 380-3.

The Suffolk County Community Advisory Committee (CAC) has been created by Legislature to oversee the implementation of County Code Chapter 380 by the County Department of Health Services. The CAC has developed a comprehensive Integrated Pest Management Program focused on improving education, sanitation, maintenance, and repair efforts throughout County owned buildings and properties. Suffolk County Cornell Cooperative Extension, in collaboration with the CAC, offers education and training in pest management practices to all levels and departments of county staff.

Cornell Cooperative Extension's outreach efforts include the development of an educational package centered on the theme "Spotlight on Pests". In addition, Extension Educators offer a traveling "Live Bug Show" to children and adults that promotes respect for the environment and its creatures.

We will demonstrate the development of this novel pest program and the dynamics the various stakeholders play in the interpretation and impact of this law.