

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE TOWN OF GREENSBORO TO BE A WILDLIFE FRIENDLY / ANTI-COAGULANT RODENTICIDE FREE COMMUNITY

To see if the Town of Greensboro will vote to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, wildlife is a necessary component of a healthy ecosystem, and

WHEREAS, extensive research has documented that Anti-Coagulant Rodenticide causes the cruel and unnecessary suffering and death of non-target wildlife and such as Raptors, Fishers and Bobcats, and

WHEREAS, alternative effective deterrents which are safe for wildlife exist and are readily available, and

WHEREAS, the monetary cost of maintaining Wildlife Friendly landscapes may be less expensive than costs associated with use of Anti-Coagulant Rodenticides.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Meeting of the Town of Greensboro, Vermont, that the Town of Greensboro is hereby declared a Wildlife Friendly Community by encouraging the adoption of policies and practices that protect and support Wildlife by minimizing the sale and use of Anti-Coagulant Rodenticides.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Greensboro urges all Greensboro property owners, property renters, residents, businesses, institutions, and neighborhoods to become more Wildlife friendly by committing to the following practices:

- Stopping the sale of Anti-Coagulant Rodenticides by local businesses,
- Avoiding use of Anti-Coagulant Rodenticides on Greensboro properties wherever possible,
- Using alternative rodent control solutions such as:
 - a. Non-toxic fertility control products to decrease mice and rat numbers,
 - b. Electric traps,
 - c. Covered snap traps as uncovered snap traps can maim and harm other non-target animals,
 - d. Non-toxic rodent repelling pouches.
- Avoiding the use of sticky traps or glue traps as they cause unnecessary suffering and other non-target animals get caught in them such as songbirds and pets,
- Creating habitat friendly to native predators that predate on vermin, for example, by installing raptor perches and owl boxes,
- Securing metal feed and garbage containers and cleaning up any spillage that might attract vermin.

This resolution is proposed by the Greensboro Conservation Commission, is non-binding, and acts as a guide for the Town of Greensboro to promote practices and activities that create a Wildlife Friendly and Anti-Coagulant Rodenticide Free Community.