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Subject: Fwd: PFAS and Sewage Sludge Spreading near Birch St.
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Janice: Would you please forward this resident request about PFAS in fertilizer sludge and potential impact on the Russell-Shea Community Garden to the city council for referral to the Energy and Environment Committee for their assessment and recommendations?

Thanks.

Jim

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From: **Jim Schlosser** <james.schlosser@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 1, 2025 at 10:54 AM
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From: <andrewpd603@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Dec 31, 2024 at 11:45 AM
Subject: PFAS and Sewage Sludge Spreading near Birch St.
To: Jim Schlosser <james.schlosser@gmail.com>

Jim Schlosser, Concord City Council

Hi Jim,

I am a South End resident who also uses a garden plot at the Russell-Shea Community Garden off of Birch St. in Concord. I am concerned about PFAS contamination in the sewage sludge, which is then spread on the agricultural fields near the community garden, particularly the cornfield fronting Birch St. between the garden and Iron Works Rd. I respectfully request PFAS test results of presumably City of Concord wastewater sewage sludge that is spread there and other nearby agricultural fields.

If there is PFAS in the land-applied sewage sludge, it could also get into the soil and groundwater. I also believe that Russell-Shea garden soil testing for PFAS would be warranted.

It looks like there is relatively recently-installed monitoring well that was installed at the NE boundary of the Birch St. cornfield, not far from the SE corner of the community garden. I would appreciate more information why it is there, and what groundwater testing results are coming from it, if any. Probably a NH DES issue, but if it is a water testing well, someone with the City of Concord is or should be aware of it.

The State of Maine is a good model in their testing for PFAS contamination from wastewater effluent, sewage sludge, landfill leachate, etc., and addressing surface water, water well, cow milk, and soil PFAS contamination:

<https://www.maine.gov/dep/spills/topics/pfas/maine-pfas.html>

As of 2022, the State of Maine has banned the land application of sewage sludge, as what is happening in western Concord.

Thank you for helping me find out more about this PFAS issue and City of Concord sewage sludge.

Regards,

Andy Duncan

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