

TURFGRASS ADVOCACY 2017

NEW YORK STATE TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION



2017 - 2018 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

STATE BUDGET PRIORITIES:

The NYS Turfgrass Association recommends the following State Budget priorities

- Turfgrass Environmental Stewardship Fund: \$200,000
 - To invest in research programs to preserve and protect environmental quality
 - FY 16-17 Budget: \$150,000
 - Executive Budget: \$0
- Pesticide Management Education Program (PMEP): \$250,000
 - Housed at Cornell
 - To replace federal funding that no longer exists
 - Quality pesticide education and certification programs
 - Executive Budget: \$0
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM): \$1 million Agriculture, \$550,000 Community
 - Critical program to assure effective pest control while maximizing control options
 - Executive Budget: \$1 million: Agriculture (Environmental Protection Fund) \$550,000: Community (Environmental Protection Fund)
- Pollinator Protection Plan Implementation: \$500,000
 - To support additional research at Cornell on pollinator issues
 - Protection plan unveiled in 2016, great tool for managing pollinator issues
 - Executive Budget: \$500,000
- Plant Innovation and Data Analytics Institute: \$54 million Life Sciences Initiative
 - New Request by Cornell University: \$20 million for faculty endowment, \$34 million for investment in research labs, greenhouses, equipment; allow agriculture life sciences to qualify for research and development tax credits
 - Executive Budget: \$350 million life sciences research and development tax credits; \$300 million for capital and human infrastructure development
- Urban Landscapes Management Plan: \$250,000
 - New proposal
 - Tailored for urban landscapes, to provide guidance, through best management practices, to assure that environmental quality is maximized.
 - Executive Budget: \$0
- NY Farm Viability Institute: \$2,400,000
 - Funds to support projects that will enhance profitability on NY farms and horticultural businesses.
 - FY 16-17 Budget: \$1,900,000
 - Executive Budget: \$400,000