

Priorities for Community and Urban IPM

These priorities were collected at the Community and Urban IPM Conference that was held in Manchester, New Hampshire on March 15-16, 2005. Close to 200 people attended this conference and all were asked to submit what they considered the most important issues in Community and Urban IPM. These suggestions were then aggregated, and then the same group was asked to vote on which issues were most critical to address in the immediate future. The results are in the table below.

TOPIC	VOTES RECEIVED	ISSUE
Education/Outreach	46	Develop IPM outreach to homeowners, retailers of pest management products, and multipliers (media, libraries, teachers)
Impacts + Successes	27	Develop criteria for measuring the successes of IPM implementation in community settings.
Public Buildings + Grounds	25	Quantify costs and benefits of implementing IPM in schools and municipal settings
Landscape	21	Encourage research and outreach for low-input landscape maintenance strategies
Nursery/Greenhouse	19	Identify IPM methods and low-impact, low-risk pesticide options for nursery and greenhouse production.
Education/Outreach	18	Develop IPM curriculum for schools.
Rights-of-way	18	Implement best management practices for vegetation in rights-of-way and wild spaces.
Turf	17	Continue to develop IPM for turf including low-impact, low-risk pesticide options
Landscape	14	Develop cost-effective biological controls for landscape pests.
Wildlife	14	Wildlife pest management research and outreach
IPM Definitions .	13	Compile existing IPM elements/standards/protocols/definitions
Public Buildings + Grounds	13	Develop training programs for school IPM coordinators
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Education/Outreach	11	Communicate IPM strategies to non-English speakers.