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Subject: grasscycling hearing followup information

Hello Mayor and Village Board of Trustees. Thank you for holding a hearing on grass clippings this past Tuesday night. One of the points raised by the NYSLTA was that grasscycling was not necessarily beneficial to our lawns along with a questioning of the science behind it. As you can see from the links below, grasscycling is recommended by the EPA, NY DEC, Cornell Cooperative and Westchester County:

1. **The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):** ([Link](#)) (See page 12)
2. **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC):** ([Link](#))
3. **Cornell University Cooperative Extension:** ([Link](#))
4. **Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF):** ([Link](#))

Grass clippings are primarily made up water and nitrogen, two things our lawns need. As clippings are spread over the lawn they quickly fall between the grass and start to decompose. Please note none of the reports suggest only grasscycling part of the year or suggest there will be too many clippings. So long as you mow regularly, clippings can be left throughout the year including during the growing season.

Thank you again for your time and attention to this matter.

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