

Office of Physical Plant

February 29, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the STARS Program. The idea of the "no mow zone" began in the spring of 2009 on our campus. We designated areas on campus, marked them out and ceased mowing grass or planted wild flowers in these areas. The plan in the future is to select additional areas on campus, and plant more wild flowers. We have established approximately 3.75 areas of naturalized "no mow" and wild flower areas here on the SUNY Cortland campus over the past several years to save on fuel, lower our carbon footprint and save on labor costs.

Below is a link to a copy of the August 2011 "Keeping It Green" article on mindful mowing on SUNY Cortland campus and I will also be conducting a presentation on "Implementing Campus "No-Mow" Zones – Trials and Tribulations" at the 2012 NYAPPA Conference in Syracuse, NY on April 5th.

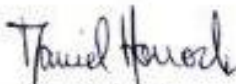
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If you should require additional information, please feel free to contact me at (607)753-2101.

Thank you.

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Don Moody
Grounds Supervisor

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David Horrocks
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