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Imidacloprid is considered the main culprit in the collapse of our bee colonies and, in higher levels, is toxic to mammals — that means us! This is why the European Union has banned this pesticide in their waters, and we should too.

Let's think long term here. We are stewards of this land and are responsible for keeping it clean and healthy for all especially the generations that will inherit this land LONG after the restauranteurs will be gone. This would have a detrimental impact on our local environment.

Let's look for non-chemical and non-harmful alternatives, cultivating a healthier ecosystem in the entire sailish sea. With all that is facing destruction on our planet as we speak, we must stand up for sustainability, preservation and a new way of meeting challenges that is long term oriented, doesn't push a known neurotoxin into the water ways (which by the way effects all neighboring waters and tide land and their creatures.