

## Boulder commissioners suppressed report showing GMO crops more sustainable than organic

The County Commissioners' March 17 decision to ban GMOs from Boulder County open space was rigged. Commissioners Elise Jones and Deb Gardner had their minds made up months before the actual decision.

If there is any doubt on this point, consider their attempt to suppress a county-sponsored study of comparative agricultural practices in Boulder County when it didn't come out to their liking.

The study, titled "Economic, Environmental, and Social implications of cropping systems in Boulder County," was prepared by Boulder County's Parks and Open Space Department and the CSU Extension. ... The study ended up showing that agricultural practices based on GMO crops:

1) Used fewer and less toxic pesticides ... 2) Used less diesel fuel ... 3) Saved a substantial amount of water compared to either conventional or organically grown crops, 4) Were much less disruptive of the soil ... and 5) Had a much lower carbon footprint than conventional or organic farming.

Faced with these findings, Jones and Gardner attempted to suppress the study, claiming it was just a working draft. That prompted the farmers who were targeted by the GMO ban to file a Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) action, which eventually resulted in the study becoming public.

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