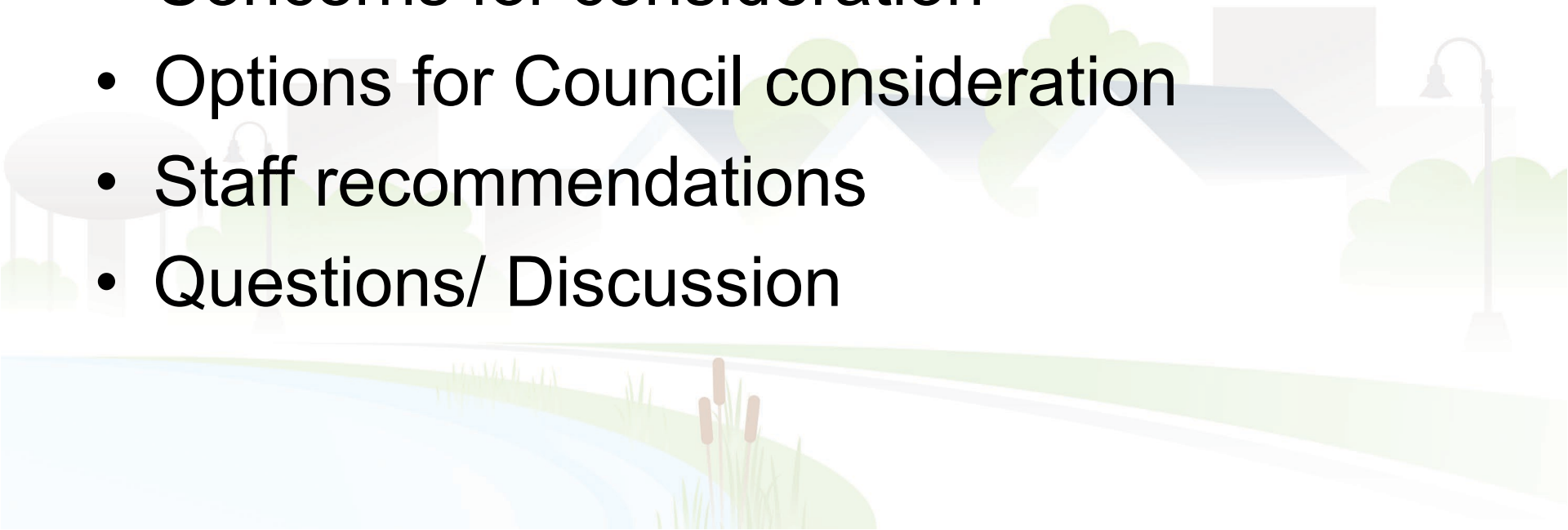




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# MS 151.72 Sale of Certain Cannabinoid Products

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# What we know

Moratorium	Likely to License	Studying issue
Edina (1yr.)	Bloomington	Blaine
Maple Grove ( 1yr.)	Minnetonka	Brooklyn Park
IGH (6 mos.)	Lakeville	Minneapolis
Plymouth	Burnsville	Blaine
Cottage Grove	Eden Prairie	Ramsey
Columbia Heights	Eagan	
Prior Lake (1yr.)	St. Louis Park	
Robbinsdale	Woodbury	
White Bear Lake	Hopkins	
Cottage Grove	St. Cloud	
	Rochester	
	Coon Rapids	

# LMC Work Group Update

LMC researched and collected information from state agencies and stakeholders to answer questions related to regulatory authority, law enforcement, employment, etc.

Additionally, they met with the MN Chiefs of Police Association and MN Sheriff's Association to understand potential implications for law enforcement and identify questions related to enforcement of these new products.

# Concerns

- MS 151.72 contains very little regulatory structure, consumer protection, or general control of the sale of THC products.
- Due to limited staff, Board of Pharmacy is only enforcing regulations based on complaints, thus falling on local LE to address violations – they state “investigations conducted by the board can take several months or longer based on the volume of complaints”
- Illegal to sell to under 21, but legal to possess under 21
- Regulatory agencies don't have adequate staffing or structures in place to enforce, thus relying on locals.
- Out of state products allowed to be sold in MN leaving no control over THC levels, counterfeit products, etc.

# Options for consideration

- Option 1: Complete prohibition of THC products
- Option 2: Moratorium – 6 months -1 year moratorium
- Option 3: License establishments that want to sell products
- Option 4: Do nothing



# Staff recommendations: Implement a moratorium

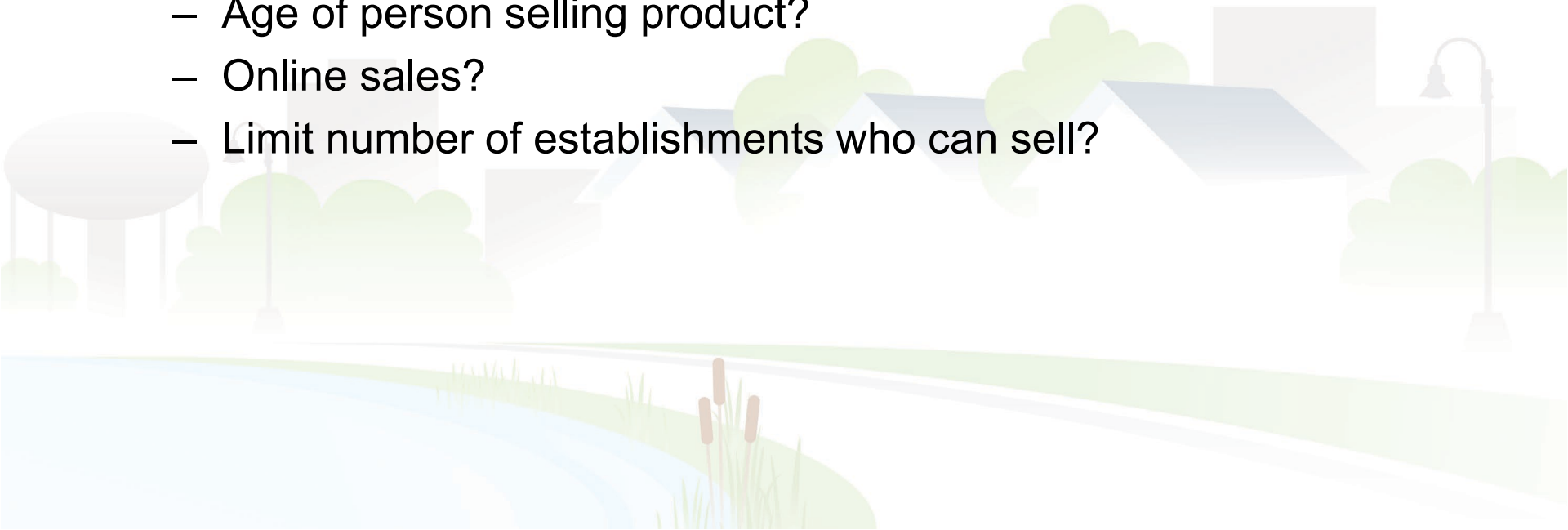
1) Implement a 6 month – 1 year moratorium allowing staff time to adequately study the issue, ensuring a robust ordinance is developed for the health, safety and welfare of the community.



# Staff recommendations: License products

2) License establishments wanting to sell edible cannabinoid products

Questions to consider:

- What businesses should be allowed to sell?
  - Age of person selling product?
  - Online sales?
  - Limit number of establishments who can sell?
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# Questions and Discussion

- Staff are seeking discussion and guidance from the City Council on next steps..

