



Arlington County Synthetic Turf Program

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Why Arlington invested in Synthetic Turf Fields

- Natural turfgrass fields were rapidly degrading due to over usage.
- To provide additional services during the winter and summer months.
- Urban community with little green space.
- Aesthetically pleasing.



Process Timeline

- Established criteria for determining locations for synthetic turf fields.
- Applied these criteria against existing County athletic fields to determine best candidates for synthetic turf.
- Held community meetings to share findings and seek input.

Process Timeline

- Made recommendations to County Manager on locations to install synthetic turf and in which order.
- Developed multi-year installation plan based on funding options.
- Wakefield and Virginia Highlands were completed in September and December 2004.
- Washington-Lee Stadium was completed in October 2005.

Arlington County Synthetic Turf Benefits

- The surface provides level play with adequate traction for players.
- Amount of play is up to 5 times greater.
- High quality fields for tournament competition.
- Players can use all approved athletic shoes.
- Municipal park and recreation departments, high schools, universities and professional sports organizations are very satisfied with their investment.

Arlington County Synthetic Turf Benefits

- Little to no degradation of the field quality; the surface remains consistent.
- Reduction in the number of games cancelled due to inclement weather.
- Closure of natural turfgrass fields during the off season to allow for growth.
- Less high school impact on community use.



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