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Synthetic Turf
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RPCA RECREATION PARKS
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES





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- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **City of Alexandria**
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- **Next Steps & Closing**





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Field Use

- **Alexandria Public Schools**
 - Curriculum Support
 - Gym Classes
 - Intramural Sports
 - Extra Curricular Activities
 - Sport Leagues
 - Field Hockey
 - Lacrosse
 - Soccer
 - Football
 - Baseball
 - Softball
 - Rugby





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Field Use

- **Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities**
 - Youth Leagues: T-Ball, Coach-Pitch Softball & Baseball and Lacrosse
 - Adult Leagues: Men & Coed Softball and Coed Soccer
- **City Cosponsored Sport Leagues**
 - Little League Baseball & Fairfax County Youth Football
 - Alexandria Soccer Association (Youth) & Alexandria Lacrosse
 - Church League Softball, Alexandria Soccer League (Adult) & Women's Metropolitan Flag Football League





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Field Use

- Multipurpose Fields
 - Soccer & Football
 - Lacrosse & Rugby
 - Flag Football
 - Curriculum Support
 - Pick-up & General Use
- Ball Fields
 - T-Ball, Baseball & Softball
 - Soccer & Football
 - Curriculum Support
 - Pick-up & General Use



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Field Use

- Unsecured Fields
 - Unauthorized, Unscheduled & Uncontrolled Activities
 - Fields are available for use without permit
 - Fields are not fenced
 - Used by Non-affiliated Leagues without Permission
- Secured Fields
 - By Permit Only
 - Reserved for Game Play
 - Fenced
 - Monitored Frequently by Staff



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Field Conditions

“... If you really want to make a difference to the quality of life in Alexandria, you need grass on the fields ...”

- Citizen Testimonial



Four Mile Run Soccer



Chinquapin Park



FC Hammond MS



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Unsecured Field: Minnie Howard





Secured Field Conditions



Ben Brenman Park



Potomac Yard Multi-Purpose



Four Mile Run Baseball



Synthetic Infill Turf Fields



Washington & Lee HS, Arlington



Virginia Highlands Park, Arlington



Bishop Ireton HS, Alexandria



Wakefield HS, Arlington



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Research & Lessons Learned

- Beginning in the Summer of 2005, the Parks Operation Synthetic Turf Work Group began a research process that included a series of comprehensive visits to synthetic field sites in varying stages of construction, use and maintenance in the metropolitan area.
- The group learned that many school sites are using Synthetic Infill Turf fields for school and community use programming.
- Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources has been involved with many field conversions over the last 3 to 5 years.