From: Kim Bowie
To: Carol Ann Desiderio
Subject: Roosevelt Park
Date: Sunday, March 26, 2023 6:23:02 PM

Dear Ms Desiderio,
Please read my email letter into the record. I am very concerned about the plight of Roosevelt Park and the possibility that all of the objections, warnings and Board of Health information is being ignored by Mayor Gary and the Council, save the one maybe 2 Councillors who are with us on this. My concern is that plastic turf will be placed over existing grass and change the landscape and environment negatively.

I speak as a 4th generation Maldonian formerly of Ward 5 and a homeowner in Ward 6 since 2005. I have attended several meetings in person and on Zoom for this issue over the past 2 years. I enjoyed the park as a teen and my children played sports on the fields. As recently as 2011 my daughter was playing in a Citywide softball league there. Playing on contaminated soil we now know. I also worked for the City of Malden from 2009 to 2014 as a substitute nurse and frequented the Salemwood School and am familiar with the parks flooding issues. Sentiments aside, please do not allow this turf to happen. It may seem wonderful at first to the sports users but it will be regrettable, a financial headache and even worse, an ecosystem disaster.
I have contacted Senator Markey's office because he proclaims himself to be a great steward of the environment! Never heard anything from him. Just a routine email that my email was received. To my knowledge he has not weighed in on this matter at all! And he's a Maldonian to boot!
What is happening here?! Where is your concern for the precious ecosystems involved here?! This is 2023 not 1973. We know so much more about what is right for the planet. Other countries are opting for grass over turf as well. Please do the right thing and stop the plan for turf at Roosevelt Park.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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