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Dear Mayor Christenson, Councilor at Large McDonald, Ms. Desiderio and Members of the Board of Health,

I would like this email included as part of public record. I am totally against removing the living grass at Roosevelt Park and replacing it with artificial turf with plastic infill or "natural" infill.

There are so many health risks associated with artificial turf that we know of and studies are continuously being done with more findings everyday. Stop and think, asbestos, lead paint, cigarettes, these were all deemed as safe. I do not want to hear 20-30 years from now that it is proven that artificial turf caused health issues in our children. Proof of one child's sickness is one too many!

There has been lead paint in the dirt for over 2 years and this has not been touched because it is "part of the turf field project". Shame on this city for allowing people to continue to use the field without this being taken care of! Do you think fencing off a section of the park is enough? Do you think the rest of the field is safe? What is considered "safe"?

I do not understand why it is so important to take away almost 3 acres of grass and replace it with turf. How often did the city and neighboring cities use Roosevelt Park since it has been fenced off? How much is there a need for the "turf" field?

There are enough turf fields in this area of Malden. Not only is the turf unsafe it also creates a heat island! This is ludicrous to add a heat island of this size to this section of Malden. The residents in this area deserve more! They deserve some relief.

Once the grass, which is alive, absorbs carbon dioxide, cools air, reduces noise pollution and is a natural filter for the environment, is removed and replaced with artificial turf, you will NEVER be able to have anything living in that space again.

This project was not inclusive! The overall planning seems lacking on many levels which is a great concern as a Malden taxpayer and voter.

This is NOT what Malden needs!

Sincerely,
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