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To: [Carol Ann Desiderio](#)
Subject: Fwd: Roosevelt Park
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Hi Carol Ann,

I spoke with Chris and he would like his email submitted as public comment for the finance committee report on Roosevelt.

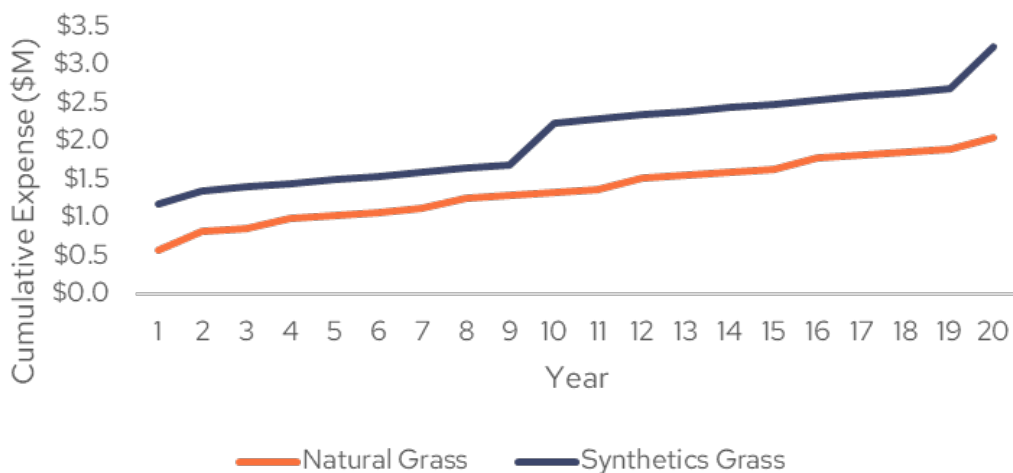
Thank you,
Ryan

From: Chris Briere <chrisbriere1997@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 6:41 PM
To: Ryan O'Malley <romalley@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
Subject: Roosevelt Park

Hello Mr. O'Malley,

My name is Chris Briere and I have recently moved into your Ward, buying a house on Sprague Street. I am becoming acquainted with local politics and as such I wanted to reach out and say hello. One issue that has come to my attention is that of Roosevelt park. I applaud the work that the City, and perhaps yourself has done in attempting to remediate the lead that exists in that field, and working to reopen the park to the public. However, I would implore you to revise the project and reconsider the use of turf grass.

Estimate Cumulative Expense for Field the Size of Roosevelt Park



Source: Assumes resodding of Natural Grass every 4 Years, and replacement of turf every 10 Uses per sq. ft. cost estimates from [Costs: Grass Vs. Synthetic Turf — Safe Healthy Playing Fields Inc.](#)

Turf grass is significantly more expensive than natural grass both to install and to maintain (accounting for replacement costs) and the result is a place that is much less multi-functional. Perhaps turf is the best solution for an athletic field. But have you ever tried to lay down in a turf field? You can't comfortably. Can you imagine walking your dog on this field? You couldn't without fear of them eating the pellets. All of a sudden a park that could be a unifying place that brings Malden together in a single place to enjoy the beauty of nature, is replaced by an unnatural turf field, which will stand empty 95% of the time.

I implore you again to in this remediation project create a natural grass park which can be maintained beautifully (despite the adverse local conditions) for less than the cost of a reasonably maintained turf field and which will be a unifying point for Malden.

Thank you for your time and for your service,
A Concerned Citizen,
Chris Briere

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