

**From:** Betsy Baliunas

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**Subject:** MVRHS Sports Complex/Phase One of the Huntress' Associates Master Plan

Dear Mr. Turner,

I am writing in support of the new MVRHS Sports Complex and the commencement of Phase One of the Huntress' Associates Master Plan.

As a year-round resident for the past twenty-five years and as concerned parent, I am urging you and your Board to support and approve the building of Phase One of the Huntress' Associates Master Plan.

Recreation and sports are important and defining components of our Island. That being said, our children who are a big part of this Island, deserve a safe facility that supports their programs and allows them to hone their abilities, stay active and develop their skills. We need an area that is purpose-built to serve the various sports and activities of our growing community. The proposed Complex/Phase One would serve this need well and for many years to come.

Not only will this project not be a burden to the taxpayers, as Donors are ready to help fund the rebuild of the track and athletic campus, steps have been taken to ensure the safety our children and the environment, for example; the turf field is fourth generation, it is made from recycled materials and will be fully recycled; the infill is wood mulch from Georgia Pines, which are grown organically and harvested sustainably and the woven back of the turf contains no PFAS. The other benefit to having this field, is that it will allow the natural grass fields to rest as needed, due to growing seasons and bad weather.

So for these reasons and many more, I ask you to support this proposal. A Community that strives for excellence in all of its endeavors should do so in its athletic pursuits as well. Please invest in the future of our Island's Youth.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Betsy B. Baliunas  
Oak Bluffs Resident