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Martha's Vineyard Commission  
33 New York Avenue  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Re: DRI 352-M4 MVRHS Athletic Fields

Dear Members of the MVC,

As longtime residents of Aquinnah, we write to urge MVC oppose the installation of artificial turf on the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School athletic fields.

We agree with the position and reasoning of the Vineyard Conservation Society that artificial turf will lead to plastic pollution, problems with waste disposal and recycling, serious issues of chemical toxicity and danger to the child-athletes playing on the field, and other matters that will endanger the community, especially our children (see VCS, Conservation Almanac, January 12, 2021, online at the following address, <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgxwKkRLkwGSGQsFQSFhJtndhFmJK>).

The negative impacts on climate change by the constant use of artificial turf present additional serious health problems. Moreover, disposal of worn-out artificial turf poses additional environmental and health issues that cannot be overlooked.

We respectfully urge the commissioners to reject the request to install artificial turf and suggest that the alternative of a grass field will have a positive rather than a negative impact. Thank you for allowing us to express our concerns.

Sincerely yours,

JoAnn Fruchtman

Jack Fruchtman