

Fw: High School Athletic Field

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To: Lucy Morrison

Subject: High School Athletic Field

To: Martha's Vineyard Commission

From: Lani Goldthorpe, 59 Webaqua Rd, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Re: Synthetic athletic field

I would like to express my concern re the current discussion on the use of synthetic plastic for the large new athletic field at the high school.

Understandably there must be some advantage to the use of synthetics or there would not be an ongoing debate. However, since Martha's Vineyard has made such a concerted effort to reduce plastics on this island why take a step backwards by endorsing it? What kind of example would you be giving to the children on this island – especially the students behind the “Plastic Free MV” initiative ? There are no environmentally positive aspects to adding more plastic to our island. In addition, there is currently a growing concern re the disposal of the synthetic fields.....Where do you put all the plastic now that it has outlived its use?

Part of the MVC's mission is “to preserve the quality of the environment” (from your website). Why not follow through on that mission? Why not step up and set an example for other small communities battling the pressures of modern technology – say YES to natural, NO to artificial.

*Regards,
Lani Goldthorpe*