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From: **Cross, Alexander (EOM)** <alexander.cross@dc.gov>
Date: Fri, May 17, 2019 at 5:17 PM
Subject: RE: Disposal of Synthetic Fields and Playgrounds
To: DC Safe Healthy Playing Fields <dcsafehealthy@gmail.com>

Greetings,

In the previous e-mail, the estimated installation schedule was provided, which is Summer 2019. Also as was stated in the previous e-mail, the removal and disposal of construction materials is the responsibility of the District's contractors, and disposal methods and locations are ultimately determined by the District's contractors in compliance with all District and federal laws and regulations.

For all other information that you seek, please submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Submitting a FOIA request is beneficial as it provides both you and District government a record of the request and the results.

You can submit FOIA requests at the [District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act Public Access Portal](#).

Thanks,

Alex

Alex Cross

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From: **Kihn, Paul (EOM)** <Paul.Kihn@dc.gov>
Date: Fri, May 17, 2019 at 12:27 PM
Subject: Re: Disposal of Synthetic Fields and Playgrounds
To: DC Safe Healthy Playing Fields <dcsafehealthy@gmail.com>

Cc: Ferebee, Lewis (DCPS) <Lewis.Ferebee@k12.dc.gov>, Cross, Alexander (EOM) <alexander.cross@dc.gov>

To whom it may concern –

I am referring your note to Alex Cross on my team (cc'ed here) who handles all matters related to facilities. Alex will be in touch with you about the issues you raise.

With thanks for your advocacy,

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From: **DC Safe Healthy Playing Fields** <dcsafehealthy@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, May 17, 2019 at 8:04 AM
Subject: Re: Disposal of Synthetic Fields and Playgrounds
To: Kihn, Paul (EOM) <Paul.Kihn@dc.gov>
Cc: Ferebee, Lewis (DCPS) <Lewis.Ferebee@k12.dc.gov>

May 17th, 2019

Via Email

Re: Disposal of synthetic fields and playgrounds

Deputy Mayor Kihn,

Thank you for your response and continued engagement.

As the District's contractors are responsible for the safe and legally-compliant disposal of the used field and playground materials and this requirement is a contractual obligation of the District's contractors, the District's contractors should routinely provide detailed information to the District and its residents about these disposals. We are asking specifically that the District provide a clear chain of custody form for each disposal. Here are some sample chain of

custody forms, provided by the Synthetic Turf Council, starting on page 13.

https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.syntheticurfCouncil.org/resource/resmgr/guidelines/STC_Guideline_for_Recycle_Re.pdf

Please ask the contractors where they have or will dispose of the materials and share their answer with us. We are asking for the name and address of the location(s) receiving the used materials. Since the District is spending taxpayer dollars to remove and dispose materials that were purchased with taxpayer dollars, we see no reason whatsoever for this information to be withheld. Each contractor should provide clear answers, in advance, as to where they plan to take the materials and then provide a completed chain of custody form, with photos along the way, for your office to immediately make publicly available as part of a transparent process.

A search on the DGS RFP and Contracts Awarded sites didn't yield results for the replacement projects listed in the chart in your email below. Please send us the RFPs and the contracts awarded for each field and playground project listed in your email below.

There were two questions in our May 13th email that have not been answered in your response, and we respectfully ask again for the answers:

1. What are the scheduled dates for each removal?
2. Under what category of waste are the used fields, playgrounds, and related materials expected to fall?

Thank you, in advance, for a prompt and transparent response.

Sincerely,

DC Safe Healthy Playing Fields

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From: **Kihn, Paul (EOM)** <Paul.Kihn@dc.gov>

Date: Thu, May 16, 2019 at 4:15 PM

Subject: RE: Disposal of Synthetic Fields and Playgrounds

To: DC Safe Healthy Playing Fields <dcsafehealthy@gmail.com>, Kihn, Paul (EOM) <Paul.Kihn@dc.gov>, Ferebee, Lewis (DCPS) <Lewis.Ferebee@k12.dc.gov>

DC Safe Healthy Playing Fields:

Thank you for your outreach and continued engagement. The District is committed to providing our residents with safe, dynamic, and accessible recreational spaces, which includes our playgrounds and artificial turf fields. When playgrounds and artificial turf fields are repaired or replaced, the District's installation and repair contractors assume ownership of the field materials that are no longer needed, and the District's contractors are responsible for the safe disposal of the materials. This requirement is a contractual obligation of the District's contractors.

The District's contractors are subject to all District and federal laws and regulations regarding material recycling and disposition. Disposal methods and locations are ultimately determined by the District's contractors in compliance with all District and federal laws and regulations.

Below is a chart showing the planned playground and field installations for the next three months.

Playground or Field Replacement	Estimated Installation
Aiton ES Playground	Summer 2019
Burrville ES Field	Summer 2019
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Columbia Heights EC (CHEC) Field	Summer 2019
Coolidge HS Field	Summer 2019
Deanwood Recreation Center Field	Summer 2019
Drew ES Playground	Summer 2019
Jelleff Recreation Center Field	Summer 2019
Mann ES Field	Summer 2019
Miner ES Playground	Summer 2019
Palisades Recreation Center Field	Summer 2019
Roosevelt HS Field	Summer 2019

Ross ES Field	Summer 2019
Ross ES Playground	Summer 2019
Tyler ES Playground	Summer 2019
Wilson HS Field	Summer 2019

Sincerely
Paul Kihn
Deputy Mayor

From: **DC Safe Healthy Playing Fields** <dcsafehealthy@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 6:16 PM
Subject: Re: Disposal of Synthetic Fields and Playgrounds
To: Kihn, Paul (EOM) <paul.kihn@dc.gov>, Ferebee, Lewis (DCPS) <Lewis.Ferebee@k12.dc.gov>, Young, Rashad (EOM) <rashad.young@dc.gov>

May 15, 2019
Re: Synthetic Field and Playground Disposal

Dear City Administrator Young, DME Kihn, and Chancellor Ferebee,

We are asking you to please respond to the questions in the May 13th email below.

The Coolidge High School track was pulled up today, and it looks like the synthetic turf may also be taken up. Where will these materials be disposed?

Thank you for your response.

Sincerely,
DC Safe Healthy Playing Fields

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From: **DC Safe Healthy Playing Fields** <dcsafehealthy@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, May 13, 2019 at 8:00 AM
Subject: Disposal of Synthetic Fields and Playgrounds

To: Kihn, Paul (EOM) <paul.kihn@dc.gov>, Ferebee, Lewis (DCPS)
<Lewis.Ferebee@k12.dc.gov>

May 13, 2019

Re: Synthetic Field and Playground Disposal

Dear Deputy Mayor Kihn and Chancellor Ferebee,

We are writing for information on the planned removal and disposal of any synthetic turf fields and synthetic playgrounds (PIP) owned or operated by the District of Columbia.

Which synthetic turf fields and playgrounds are scheduled to be removed and/or replaced within the next three months, and what are the scheduled dates for their removal?

Where will these surfaces be moved to or disposed, and is will those locations be their final disposal location? Who will own these materials once they are removed from the DC sites?

Under what category of waste are the used fields, playgrounds, and related materials expected to fall?

We appreciate your prompt acknowledgement of receipt and for transparent responses in the near future.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

DC Safe Healthy Playing Fields