



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2024 - 004
SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS

WHEREAS, the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks' goal is to ensure all residents and visitors are provided safe and accessible recreational fields and play surfaces; and

WHEREAS, synthetic turf fields represent an opportunity to provide a high quality playing surface that is requested by the public; and

WHEREAS, the installation of turf fields represents a substantial fiscal investment in recreation facility construction within Baltimore County; and

WHEREAS, there is a rising level of health, safety and environmental concern related to the installation, use and disposal of synthetic turf fields; and

WHEREAS, there are alternatives that can mitigate concerns related to installation, use and disposal of synthetic turf fields.

NOW, THEREFORE, on this 25th day of March 2024, it is hereby **ORDERED** by the County Executive of Baltimore County, that the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks shall:

- Work with the Baltimore County Office of Property Management, utilize environmentally appropriate alternative synthetic turf infill products in all future synthetic turf construction projects.
- Work with the Baltimore County Office of Property Management, research and investigate more environmentally-friendly alternatives to the current process of disposal of synthetic turf products once they have reached their usable life span.
- Develop operational policies to address concerns related to use of outdoor recreation amenities in inclement weather, with a particular focus on the use of synthetic fields during periods of high temperatures.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by order of the County Executive.

The effect of any policy, rule or regulation of any agency of Baltimore County, Maryland inconsistent with this Order is hereby suspended.

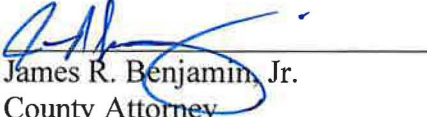
A copy of this Executive Order shall be made available on-line at www.baltimorecountymd.gov for the public.

ATTEST:


Dawn Kile
Executive Secretary


John A. Olszewski, Jr.
County Executive

Reviewed for Form and Legal Sufficiency and Approved for Execution.


James R. Benjamin, Jr.
County Attorney