

✓ Westfield Athletic Field Update ✓

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The Town of Westfield is considering athletic field development in **Memorial Park, Elm Street Park, Tamaques Park & Edison Intermediate School (EIS)**, and is focused **ONLY** on synthetic grass and stadium lighting to fill the need for more fields.

Citizens for Responsible Athletic Field Development (CRAFD) is a non-profit organization of Westfield residents committed to help improve this irresponsible plan with **natural, safer, sustainable solutions, spread throughout the town.**

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CRAFD is advocating for MORE FIELDS, created responsibly!

- We support greatly increasing field capacity in Westfield.**
Our children need & deserve more fields.
- We support natural grass fields, constructed & maintained for athletic use.**
- We support KEEPING WESTFIELD GREEN - with environmentally friendly fields.**
The environmental impact of artificial turf is significant, including chemical pollutants, disposal of tons of toxic non-recyclable materials, and potential severe water management issues.
- We support responsible spending.**
The proposal calls for spending \$9 MILLION on just the first of these installations! In addition, artificial turf requires maintenance, regular re-filling, and replacement & disposal every 8-10 years!
- We support developing fields throughout town...NOT over-burdening one area.**
- We support the SAFETY of our children, coaches, spectators, & neighbors, including plans for adequate parking & thorough traffic studies.**
- We support the HEALTH of our children, coaches, & spectators.**
Artificial turf presents health risks due to extreme field temperatures, heavy metals, and many known & suspected carcinogens & irritants in these petroleum-based fields.

**WE OPPOSE STADIUM LIGHTS in ALL considered locations
and ANY residential neighborhood in Westfield!**

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

LEARN:

- ❖ **Visit our website: www.westfieldcrafd.org**
- ❖ **Join our Facebook group: **Westfield CRAFD****
- ❖ **Subscribe to our emails: Send an email to westfieldcrafd@gmail.com**

ACT:

- ❖ **SPEAK UP** before it's too late to help make these positive changes!
- ❖ Email your concerns to: **Mayor Brindle** (MayorBrindle@westfieldnj.gov)
The Town Council - jboyes@westfieldnj.gov, lhabgood@westfieldnj.gov,
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mlogrippo@westfieldnj.gov, skatz@westfieldnj.gov, dmackey@westfieldnj.gov
Board of Education (wboe@westfieldnj12.org) and
Recreation Commission. (dbogardus@westfieldnj.gov)
- ❖ **Attend Town Council & Board of Education meetings & express your opinions in person for the greatest impact!**