



Article 10i: Lincoln Field Project



Challenges of grass fields in the context of our core parameters:

- **Athletic Operations:**

- an irrigated, fertilized, sod field could *at best* support 400-600 hours/yr (vs. ~1500-1700+ hours/yr for synthetic)
- conversion of all Lincoln Fields to grass would result in *at least* a **30-50% reduction** in overall field availability
- grass fields would have to be fenced and locked to limit usage to permitted users only and allow weather closure

- **Environmental Health:** grass fields require substantial irrigation and fertilization to sustain 400-600 hours/yr

- **Human Health:**

- prior grass fields at Lincoln Park plagued by egress into field of landfill material – prevention requires engineering
- no drop in/casual community use (fenced)
- grass fields are not considered universally accessible

- **Fiscal Impact:**

- costs of site prep to provide sufficient soil depth and irrigation would be very high (pierce cap or raise fields)
- field would have to be irrigated regularly and re-sodded every 2-3 years (~\$200,000-\$250,000 per re-sodding)
- annual DPW budget would have to increase to support additional staff and equipment