

Parks and Green Spaces Levy

# BOBBY MORRIS PLAYFIELD RENOVATION AND TURF REPLACEMENT PILOT PROJECT

## CONSTRUCTION NOTICE MAY-JULY 2016

Seattle Parks and Recreation is exploring alternatives in synthetic turf field design and materials, which will continue to deliver a safe, durable and playable athletic facility. The Bobby Morris Playfield Turf Replacement Pilot Project will replace the playfield's aging synthetic turf with new infill material, then test it for durability, safety, playability, maintainability and environmental health. The project will also make any needed structural repairs to curbing and base, and install new soccer goals and nets.

As part of the project's planning and design phases, Seattle Parks and Recreation has researched alternative infield products in the context of the projects where they are being used and have met with the manufacturers. Consequently, we are moving forward to try out a synthetic turf that uses organic cork as its fill material.

Cork is a sustainable natural material. Cork trees remain alive and continue to produce after the cork is harvested. Cork is durable, resists fungal growth, requires no supplemental irrigation (to remain stable during dry/warm periods), is playable, and has the same maintenance requirements as other turf infill systems. Cork has been used in Europe for several years and is being used in California and Southwest playfields. Cork's lighter color makes it more reflective than darker infills, thereby lessening field heat.

After meeting with stakeholders, the project manager has planned construction for May–July 2016. The field will be closed during construction. Seattle Parks and Recreation and the contractor hired for the project will work to minimize impact to the neighborhood.

Bobby Morris Playfield is located in Cal Anderson Park just north of E Pine St. between Nagle Pl. and 11th Ave.

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