

This written testimony is in opposition to FY27 Budget hearing on Natural Grass Field at North Potomac Community Center (**P722701**), i.e. the replacement of the artificial turf with natural grass at NPCC .

I'm currently 74 and played in the County's recreational soccer program for over 35 years. The existing field at NPCC works well in nearly all weather conditions year round. The exception being snow or icy conditions. Whereas a natural field is not available for use during the winter months and when wet (during/after rains). The current field is regularly used at least four times a week by seniors and it's great for keeping us active.

Many of the existing natural grass fields in the County are very lumpy with spotty large clumps of grass which makes for twisted ankles/knees and erratic ball bounces.

I request you consider renovating or replacing the existing field with another artificial turf field when it is at the end of its useful life.

Thank you for your consideration.

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