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Subject:Environmental concerns in Mystic River watershed: artificial turf
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Dan Shine
Athletic Director
Arlington Catholic High School

Dear Mr. Shine,

As per our telephone conversation March 9, 2021 I enclose photographs of material from the artificial turf field on Summer Street. It appears to be tiny seed sized pieces of shredded tires. As you can see from the photos the snow around the field, seems to have been plowed, the snow is black with many **pounds** of the material.

My concern is that this toxic material not be leaf blown into the surrounding lawn and park, that it not be leaf blown in direction of Cookes Hollow/Mill Brook and that material which has escaped the environs of the sports field not flow into Cookes Hollow/Mill Brook during a rain storm. The escaped material is among the bushes at the east end of the field adjacent to Cookes Hollow. As you know Mill Brook is down hill from the artificial turf field. This area is within the Mystic River Watershed.

I would appreciate knowing what the care protocol is for this field as I imagine that unfortunately these conditions are ones which occur each winter/spring.

I would appreciate knowing whether Arlington Catholic High School has considered an additional mitigation plan. Since the field's establishment I believe standards may have changed and a type of sieve would now be required as part of the installation.

It is many years now that each spring Alewife return to Cookes Hollow/Mill Brook to spawn. We do not want the material from the artificial turf field polluting Cookes Hollow. Shore birds roost in the trees among them black capped night herons. Mallards have in recent years created nests beside the stairway adjacent to your field in Cookes Hollow. We do not want shredded bits of tires from the ACHS artificial turf field in the food chain.

We live with nature and the environment in a sustainable manner.
Thank you for your attention and concern.

Kind regards,
Beth Melofchik
20 Russell Street
Town Meeting Member Precinct 9

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