



ASRHS Athletic Field Project



Project: To update the athletic field campus designed for student athletes in 1962. The project includes a new artificial turf field, new track with 8 lane straight, new plaza and concession stand with bathrooms, new bleachers and lights, upgraded soccer fields, addition of new soccer field, new softball field and new fencing, backstops and dugouts for softball and baseball. Expanding and opening the campus and improving conditions of all fields.

Status: The School Committee (ASRSC) has approved the plan picture below that was developed over 10 months with the Fields Committee and SMMA Architects. ASRSC and will bring the project to Town Meeting to get approval for borrowing.

Projected Costs: \$6.75M – Financed by a 10 year loan to the region and backed by a 10 year debt exclusion to each town.

Drivers: Track is in need of repair now. Since 2011-12 enrollment has increased 33%. There has been an 89% increase in student athlete participation in sports, including the addition of JV soccer for boys and girls and over 100 students participating in track. Current conditions are unable to accommodate the number of participants and increases the chance for injury. Some students have chosen other programs as a result of condition of athletic fields.

Benefits: Project addresses all drivers mentioned above and creates an opportunity for generating revenue by providing a desirable campus for district and state games and meets. Improves visibility for student athletes and their families since soccer and football would be able to access an artificial turf field for evening games. A larger part of campus becomes ADA accessible and fan experience is improved in all venues. Safety concerns can be addressed on all fields and decrease risk of injury. Games and events will be able to happen simultaneously so that student athletes will have time to get home for rest and homework and family time.

Architects Rendering of Turf Field and Track





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Financial Timeline

- Winter and Spring 2018: Reconvene ASRHS Field Complex Committee with focus on:
 - Determining naming rights, fundraising, sponsorship opportunities;
 - Public relations and marketing via online, print, and video campaigns;
 - Partnerships with athletic booster programs;
 - Refinement of cost estimates and financial planning with member towns;
- May 2018: Ayer and Shirley Town Meetings to seek approval of debt exclusion ballot measure.
- June 2018: Ayer and Shirley Debt Exclusion Election
- Summer / Fall 2018: Project begins and borrowing commences.

Construction Timeline

- Summer/Fall 2018: Project put out to bid.
- Winter 2018/2019: Bids reviewed and project awarded.
- Spring 2019: Site preparation and basic construction begin when ground is thawed.
- Spring 2019: Full construction begins as spring sports conclude.
- Summer and Fall 2019: Full construction; some fall sports will be relocated to other facilities to allow for construction and grow in.
- Spring 2020: Construction resumes; some spring sports will be relocated to other facilities to allow for construction and grow in.
- Summer 2020: Construction is completed.
- Fall 2020: Grand re-opening of all facilities.

PREFERRED FIELDS LAYOUT OPTION

