

PROTECT OUR WATERSHEDS

ACT TODAY

We need your support for the **prohibition of state and municipal contracts for artificial turf** and the **ban of tire-derived materials in playing fields and playgrounds**. These materials contribute to **microplastic pollution** and release **harmful chemicals**, including **PFAS** and **6PPD-quinone**, which **contaminate our waterways** and pose substantial risks to our watersheds—the very lifeblood of our ecosystems, drinking water sources—and **aquatic ecosystems**. The potential for widespread exposure to these toxic chemicals necessitates immediate legislative action to **safeguard public health** and **the environment**. By implementing these bans, we prioritize the well-being of our communities and the **preservation of our natural resources**, thereby mitigating future costly remediation efforts. We urge you to consider the long-term consequences and support this critical legislation.

TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE A RESILIENT FUTURE*

S.2187 An Act prohibiting state and municipal contracts for
H.3339 the purchase and installation of artificial turf fields

SD.2143 An Act to ban the use of tire-derived materials in
H.1040 playgrounds and playing fields in Massachusetts

WATERSHEDS ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH OPPOSE PLASTIC GRASS

Charles River Watershed



Mystic River Watershed



COMMUNITY OPPOSITION, BANS & MORATORIUMS ON PLASTIC GRASS

WAYLAND

PELHAM

OAK BLUFFS MV

AMHERST

SHUTESBURY

SHARON

CONCORD

BOSTON

LITTLETON

KEY AREAS OF CONCERN

- **Water contamination** The **leaching** of **PFAS**, **6PPD-Q** and **other harmful chemicals** from artificial turf into waterways is a **major concern for all watersheds**.
- **Microplastic pollution** also poses a significant **threat to aquatic ecosystems** and our **drinking water** supply.
- **Stormwater runoff** Artificial turf & pour-in-place playgrounds **create an impervious surface**, increasing stormwater runoff and **contributing to flooding and pollution**.
- **Heat Island effect** Artificial turf & playground surfaces significantly **increase surface temperatures**, exacerbating **heat islands**, adversely impacting public health, especially in Environmental Justice communities and heated water run-off **impacting aquatic life**.

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*In the 193rd session, Residents from more than 35 Massachusetts communities demonstrated strong support for the Legislation to ban artificial turf, including Agawam, Amherst, Andover, Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Boxford, Brighton, Concord, Florence, Foxborough, Groveland, Hopkinton, Ipswich, Malden, Medford, Medway, Milton, Montague, Nantucket, Newton, North Andover, Oak Bluffs (Martha's Vineyard), Pelham, Sharon, Shutesbury, Somerville, Stoneham, Topsfield, Watertown, Wayland, West Boxford, and West Newton. This widespread backing underscores the critical need to pass this Legislation in the 194th session.

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PLASTIC
ARTIFICIAL
TURF**

**EXTREME
HEAT +
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**OUR
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