

## Portsmouth NH Synthetic Turf

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Greetings to Oak Bluffs Planning Board, Oak Bluffs Board of Health and Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission,

I am writing to share the news of our experiences with a new synthetic turf athletic field just installed here in Portsmouth, NH.

I have been following the story in MV for some time, and see how closely your situation parallels ours. I want to share the latest development here, as we are slightly ahead of your town, and so this can provide you with a glimpse into the future, so to speak.

Please see the press release from Non Toxic Portsmouth and Non Toxic Dover about independent testing of the new field.

[Tests Detect Dangerous PFAS Chemicals in Portsmouth's New Synthetic Turf Field](#)

The City was promised a "PFAS free" field and components, and this was required as part of the bid process, but independent testing reveals PFAS in the blades, backing and shock pad.

Forewarned is forearmed, and I'd like to make sure that your community has all the relevant information when faced with important decisions that are not easily reversed.

I will share more information on what happens in Portsmouth with you as it becomes available. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions.

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