

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 090269)

RESOLUTION

Authorizing City Council's Committees on the Environment and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs to hold joint public hearings to investigate the feasibility of installing sustainable irrigation systems beneath City recreation fields to improve the condition, reduce maintenance and associated costs, and extend the lifespan of the fields.

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia manages over 275 athletic fields for recreational purposes and organized sports including cricket, soccer, baseball and softball, rugby and football; and

WHEREAS, Every year, thousands of applications are submitted for seasonal and one-time usage of outdoor athletic fields for league sports, intramural games, school teams, tournaments and leisurely ball games; and

WHEREAS, Due to lack of equipment, staff and finances, only a small portion of athletic fields are able to be reconditioned annually, resulting in many athletic fields to be left in poor condition for great lengths of time; and

WHEREAS, By investing in the installation of sustainable irrigation systems, fields would require less maintenance, which would increase the amount of time these fields are available for use throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the amount of water used to properly maintain these fields would be significantly reduced with sustainable irrigation systems. In turn, this would reduce the cost of field maintenance; and

WHEREAS, By incorporating comprehensive irrigation systems into our City's recreation fields, the turf quality can be improved, the lifespan increased, and the overall experience enhanced for the residents and youth who use these fields; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That authority be given to the Committee on the Environment and the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs to hold joint public hearings to investigate the feasibility of installing sustainable irrigation systems beneath City recreation fields to improve the condition, reduce maintenance and associated costs, and extend the lifespan of the fields.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the second of April, 2009.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kenney, Reynolds Brown, Jones, DiCicco and Goode

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Kenney, Reynolds Brown, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Jones, DiCicco, Goode, Greenlee, Krajewski, Clarke, Tasco and Miller