

Appendix G

Los Alamos County Artificial Turf Study: Resources

In response to questions and concerns raised regarding environmental and human impacts of artificial turf, the following resources are provided for members of the community to access and learn more about synthetic turf testing and data analysis.

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- [Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences](#) has an informative comparison chart and other articles on natural and synthetic turf.
 - [Sports Labs](#) is an independent national consultant and testing laboratory that specializes in synthetic turf, running tracks, and tennis surface testing.
 - [Firefly Sports Testing's](#) Michael Gentile has served on public utilities committees involving creeks, drainage, and wastewater relating to synthetic turf and is a 20+ year industry consultant, speaker, and researcher on synthetic turf and infills.
 - The [Synthetic Turf Council \(STC\)](#) represents builders, landscape architects, testing labs, maintenance providers, manufacturers, suppliers, installation contractors, infill material suppliers, and other specialty service companies. They also have access to dozens of studies over the past 20-years performed by 3rd party testing laboratories, articles and tests published by Cities and Towns, and independent Universities.
 - [American Sports Builders Association, Fields Division](#). The ASBA includes designers, testing labs, and constructors of natural and synthetic fields among other sports. The Fields Division is a good resource to connect you with a designer, testing lab, or contractor who has experience in whatever questions you have.
 - The [Sports Field Management Association](#) provides unbiased information and resources on both natural and synthetic turf.
 - [Penn State University's Center for Sports Surface Research](#) is an intercollege program managed within the College of Agricultural Sciences' Department of Plant Science. The center is dedicated to the improvement of all sports surfaces. Through cooperative scientific inquiry the center's members expect to improve performance and safety on all sports surfaces.
 - The [European Synthetic Turf Council \(ESTC\)](#) was formed to promote the appropriate use of synthetic turf systems. The ESTC Knowledge Centre lists valuable information and resources to inform and educate.