

# THE CHILD SAFE PLAYING FIELD ACT – HAZARDS AND RISK



MAYFIELD ATHLETIC FIELDS  
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## GOALS:

- Discuss relative risks of herbicide controls
- How to evaluate risks of chemical herbicide controls when compared to other chemicals.
- Reach an informed decision on relative merits of using chemical controls vs. student athlete injury.
- Consider a program of chemical treatments in 2019 and future years.

# LAWS OF NEW YORK, 2010

## CHAPTER 85

### “Child Safe Playing Fields Act”

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, the education law and the social services law, in relation to the use and guidance of pesticide alternatives

Became a law May 18, 2010, with the approval of the Governor.

Passed by a majority vote, three-fifths being present.

2. No school shall apply pesticide to any playgrounds, turf, athletic or playing fields, except that an emergency application of a pesticide may be made as determined by the county health department or for a county not having a health department such authority as the county legislature shall designate, the commissioner of health or his or her designee, the commissioner of environmental conservation or his or her designee, or, in the case of a public school, the school board.

## What is an Emergency?

- When the problem cannot be managed with the allowed products and/or alternative pest management methods
- When the pest problem is not routine and is a threat to public health.
- When the pesticide application is not for purely aesthetic reasons

Paraphrase from:  
Emergency Pesticide Application Determinations at Schools and Day Care Centers  
[https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/pests/guidance\\_85.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/pests/guidance_85.htm)



Pesticide means:

(1) any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any insects, rodents, fungi, weeds, or other forms of plant or animal life or viruses, except viruses on or in living humans/or other animals, which the department shall declare to be a pest . . .

6 CRR – NY 326 1 NY – CRR, Title 6, Chapter IV, Subchapter A. Pesticide Control, Part 325. Application of Pesticides, 325.1 Definitions

Pesticides include:

- Insecticides
- Rodenticides
- Fungicides
- Herbicides

Adverse effects of using Pesticides may include:

1. Health and well being of student athletes
2. Threat to the environment
3. Political challenges

## Categorizing Types of Risk of Sports on Athletic Fields:

**Biological** – bacteria, viruses, insects, plants, birds, animals, and humans, etc.

**Chemical** – depends on the toxic properties of the chemical

**Ergonomic** – repetitive movements

**Physical** – collision, ground impact, etc.

**Safety** – slipping/tripping hazards, compaction or turf breakdowns

**Psychological** – stress, violence, loss

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**Beneficial effects** of using Pesticides may include:

1. Establishment of a healthy turf, leading to the
2. Health and well being of student athletes in a
3. Cost effectiveness manner

**Risk perception** is the subjective judgment people make about the severity and probability of a risk, and may vary person to person.

Any human endeavor carries some risk, but some are much riskier than others.

## Soccer:

**Classified as a high- to moderate-intensity contact/collision sport.**

Care of the Young Athlete - Sullivan, Anderson, American Academy of Pediatrics, 2000

**Higher injury rate than field hockey, rugby, basketball and football.**

British Journal of Sports Medicine, 2005: 39(8)  
Pediatrics 2002: 110(3)



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An estimated 186,544 soccer-related injuries in 2006.

80% affected participants younger than 24 years

44% occurred in participants younger than 15 years

US Consumer Product Safety Commission  
National Electronic Injury Surveillance System



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## INJURIES - Over an entire soccer season

Girls' teams may expect 4.0 injuries per season

Boys' teams may expect 3.5 injuries per season

American Journal of Sports Medicine, 2008; 36(2)

The risk of injury is greater during competition than during practice sessions.

American Journal of Sports Medicine, 2006 34 (10)



# Soccer:

Most injuries occurring from:

Player-to-player contact

Player-to-goal post contact

Player-to-ball contact

Player-to-ground contact

American Journal of Sports Medicine 2002; 30 (5)



Surface hardness and irregularity are the two main factors identified by players as cause of related-pitch-injury occurrence. The mechanical characteristics of sports surfaces related to athlete-surface interaction could be divided into (i) vertical behavior during impact and (ii) horizontal behavior (traction force) relating to the grip of shoes on the surface.

Influence of Playing Surface on ACL Injuries for Non-Contact Sports:  
Dr. P Rouch, G. Charpak, X. Drevelle, P. Thoreux:  
SportsTurf Managers Association, February 2017

**Healthy grass turf cushions a fall  
and provides ideal traction.**

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## Men's Soccer Injuries

Data from the 2004/05 – 2008/09 Seasons

NCAA/

Datalys Center for Sports Injury Research and Prevention/  
STOP Sports Injuries

## ACL Injury



VIOLENT  
ROTATION  
WITH  
FOOT  
FIXED



SPRAINS OF  
LIGAMENTS  
IN CENTER OF  
KNEE JOINT

- Landing leg is extended.
- Landing foot is firmly fixed to the ground.
- The opposing leg drives through, rotating the hips and torso.
- Rotational forces transfer to the knee.
- Creating excessive loading on the knee.
- Causing injury to the Anterior Cruciate Ligament



- A healthy, dense turf cut to the correct height:
  - Decreases player to surface injuries by
  - Reducing the traction between cleat and ground surface
  - Allowing the foot to rotate with the knee
- Shallow rooted weeds, bare soil or compacted soil will increase traction and increase joint injury
- Clumpy weeds, bare spots and holes in turf will increase tripping hazards

## Contributing Factors to Injury:

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# Challenges to a heathy turf

## Athletic Use

- Overuse
- Soil compaction
- Physical wear
- Tearing/shearing/divotting of Turf
- Resulting in settlement / holes / bare spots leading to
- Open soil & weed germination



# CRABGRASS

- *Digitaria sanguinalis* (Hairy Crabgrass)
- *Digitaria ischamemum* (Smooth Crabgrass)

Introduced in 1894 by the U.S. Patent Office as potential forage crops.



## Characteristics of Digitaria -

- Prostrate grass
- Seed heads grow horizontally
- Producing seed heads at mowing heights < 1/2-inch
- Produces shallow roots that absorb water before reaching deeper rooting plants
- Tillering occurs within weeks of germination
- One plant can produce 150,000 seeds annually
- 50% of seed will germinate the following spring
- Creation of a large seed bank that will persist for years
- Thrives during hot weather when cool season grasses are under stress or have gone dormant



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June 2017

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**August 2017**

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**October 2017**

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**April 2018**

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May 2018

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**August 2018 – Softball Outfield**

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**August 2018 – Lower Soccer Field**

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**August 2018 – Upper Soccer Field & 3<sup>rd</sup> Base Line**

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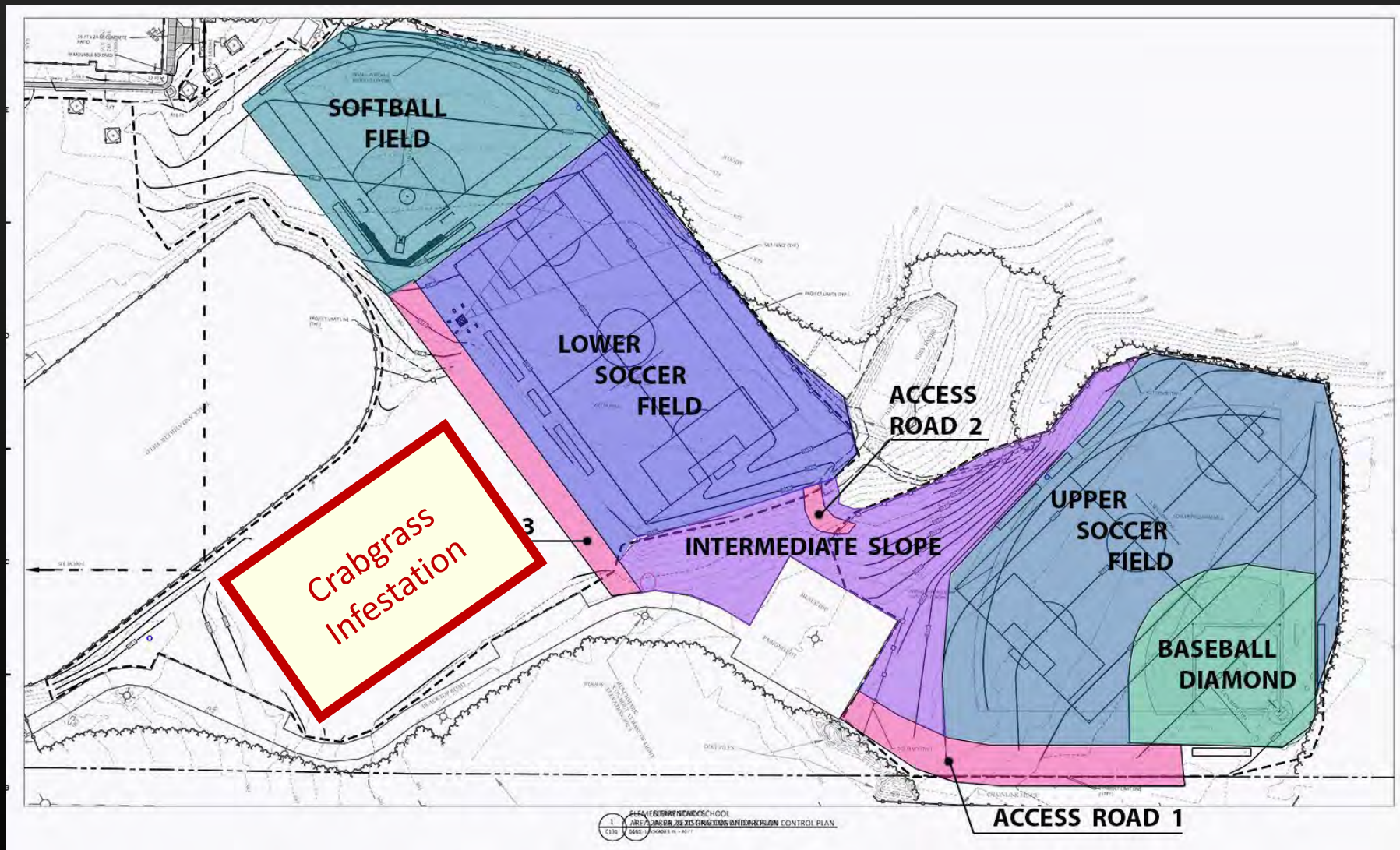




**August 2018 – Upper Soccer Field**

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Elementary School Athletic Fields 2016 - 2018

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## Field Conditions

1. Fields infested with Digitaria
2. An adjacent seed bank that will colonize the practice fields
3. Likelihood of seasonal decline in desirable turf species
4. Decline in the turf density of the athletic fields
5. Diminished safety of the student athletes
6. Loss of investment by the community

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# Herbicide Treatment



## Environment

- Aquatic Toxicity
- Terrestrial Toxicity
- Persistence and Degradability
- Bioaccumulative Potential
- Mobility in Soil



## Skull and Crossbones

- Acute Toxicity
- Oral: toxic if swallowed
- Dermal: toxic in contact with skin
- Inhalation: toxic if inhaled



## Exclamation Mark

- Irritant Skin and Eyes
- Skin Sensitizer
- Acute Toxicity Harmful
- Narcotic Effects
- Respiratory Tract Irritant
- Hazardous to Ozone



## Health Hazard

- Carcinogen
- Mutagenicity
- Reproductive Toxicity
- Respiratory Sensitizer
- Target Organ Toxicity
- Aspiration Toxicity

OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
Hazard Classification Guidance

**Natural Chemicals**: not synthetic, i.e. not man-made

**Example of non-toxic natural chemicals**:

- Dihydrogen monoxide ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ): water
- Sucrose ( $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{11}$ ): table sugar
- Ethyl alcohol ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$ ): ethanol, drinking alcohol

**Examples of toxic natural chemicals**:

- Muscimol ( $\text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ): found in agaric mushrooms
- Amygdalin ( $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_{11}$ ): found in apple seeds
- Solanine ( $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{73}\text{NO}_{15}$ ): found in green potatoes

**Synthetic Chemicals:** not found in nature, i.e. man-made.

Examples of non-toxic synthetic chemicals:

- Teflon ( $\text{C}_2\text{F}_4$ ): non-stick pans
- Propylene glycol ( $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$ ): food additive
- Aspartame ( $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ ): artificial sweetener

Example of toxic synthetic chemicals:

- Aspirin ( $\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{O}_4$ ): pain-relieving drug
- Ethylene glycol ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O}_2$ ): anti-freeze
- Sodium thiopental ( $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2\text{S}$ ): lethal injections

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- 2,4-D ( $\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3$ )
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Dried Blood	Sodium chloride (common salt)
Eugenol	Sodium lauryl sulfate
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**Herbicide Potential**

**Alternative weed control:** mechanical removal, boiling water, steam, fire, vinegar, salt, citric acid, corn gluten meal

Some will be impractical – boiling water and steam

Some expensive – mechanical removal

Some – fire, salt and citric acid - will be toxic to the existing turf grasses –

- Bluegrass
- Ryegrass
- Fescue

One may have limited merit

**Corn Gluten Meal**

If crabgrass is knocked back over several seasons with

**Pre-emergent Herbicides**



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## Toxicity: poisonous

*"All substances are poisons; there is none which is not a poison. The right dose differentiates a poison from a remedy."* -  
Paracelsus (1493 to 1541)

Sodium nitrite: food additive to prevent botulism.  
World Health Organization Essential Medicine.  
Lethal to humans at doses of 1 gram.

Sodium fluoride: source of fluoride in drinking water.  
Lethal to humans at doses of 5 to 10 grams.

Acetylsalicylic acid: aspirin, a common pain reliever.  
Lethal to humans at doses of 27 grams/120 pound person.  
84 tablets at 325 mg/tablet.



# Determining Equivalent Lethality

$LD_{50}$  = **Lethal Dose 50** is the amount of a chemical, given all at once, which causes the death of 50% of a group of test animals.

Expressed as the mass of the chemical per unit mass of the test subject (mg/kg)

Exposure is by the 3 major workplace exposure routes:





Mouth (oral)

Skin (dermal)

Breathing (inhalation)

$LC_{50}$  = **Lethal Concentration 50** is the lethal inhalation concentration for a 4 hour exposure.

## OSHA's Hazard Communication Standards.

Substance	Animal, Route	LD <sub>50</sub> LD50	Uses	Hazard Communication Pictogram
Not Classified > 2000 mg/kg bodyweight - Presumed not acutely toxic				
Not Classified – Warning – May be Harmful if Swallowed				
Lactose	rat, oral	>10,000 mg/kg	Milk sugar.	
Aspartame	mice, oral	>10,000 mg/kg	Artificial sweetener	
Urea	rat, oral	8,471 mg/kg	Natural metabolite of nitrogen-containing compounds	
Cadmium sulfide	rat, oral	7,080 mg/kg	Pigment	
Ethanol	rat, oral	7,060 mg/kg	Drinking alcohol	
Melamine	rat, oral	6,000 mg/kg	Melamine + formaldehyde = Formica, dry erase boards	
Methanol	rat, oral	5,628 mg/kg	Wood alcohol	
Fructose	rat, oral	4,000 mg/kg	Fruit sugar	
Sodium chloride	rat, oral	3,000 mg/kg	Table salt	
Category 4 > 300 and ≤ 2000 mg/kg bodyweight				
Category 4 – Warning – Harmful if Swallowed				
Paracetamol (acetaminophen)	mouse, oral	338 mg/kg	Medicine for pain relief	
Category 3 > 50 and ≤ 300 mg/kg bodyweight				
Hydrochloric acid	rat, oral	238–277 mg/kg	Precursor to PVC	
Category 3 – Danger – Toxic if Swallowed				
MDMA	rat, oral	160 mg/kg	Ecstasy, a recreational drug.	
Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT)	mouse, oral	135 mg/kg	Historic insecticide. Eliminated malaria in North America	
Uranium	mice, oral	114 mg/kg (est.)	Uranium 238, nuclear isotope. Power generation. Weapons.	
Cocaine	mouse, oral	96 mg/kg	Recreational drug	
Methamphetamine	rat, intraperitoneal	57 mg/kg	Recreational drug, treatment for ADHD	
Sodium fluoride	rat, oral	52 mg/kg	Source of fluoride in drinking water	
Category 2 > 5 and ≤ 50 mg/kg bodyweight				
Category 2 – Danger - Fatal if Swallowed				
Lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD)	rat, intravenous	10.5 mg/kg	Hallucinogenic drug	
Category 1 ≤ 5 mg/kg bodyweight				
Nicotine	mice, oral	3.34 mg/kg	Recreational drug. Insecticide	
Sodium cyanide	rat, oral	6.4 mg/kg	Industrial mining. Poison.	
Category 1 – Danger - Fatal if Swallowed				
Sarin	mouse, injection	0.1/2 mg/kg	Chemical weapon	
Polonium-210	human, inhalation	0.00001 mg/kg (est.)	Power source. Russian poison.	

Not Classified:  
≥ 2000 mg/kg

Category 4  
300 mg/kg to  
≤2000 mg/kg




Category 3  
50 mg/kg to  
≤300 mg/kg

Category 2  
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≤50 mg/kg

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Acute Oral Toxicity Categories and Classification Criteria

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Category 3 > 50 and ≤ 300 mg/kg bodyweight			
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Ketamine	229 mg/kg	Anethesia	
Aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid)	200 mg/kg	Medication	
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Capsaicin	47.2 mg/kg	Active component of chilli peppers	
Ricin	20–30 mg/kg	Natural poison from the seeds of the caster oil pl	
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Strychnine	1–2 mg/kg (est.)	Small animal pesticide.	
Plutonium	0.320 mg/kg	Nuclear weapons. Power generation.	
Fentanyl	0.300 mg/kg	Pain medication. Anesthesia.	
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Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)	1,270 mg/kg	Psychoactive component of marijuana
Cannabidiol (CBD)	980 mg/kg	Non-psychoactive component of marijuana; treatment for epilepsy
Metallic Arsenic	763 mg/kg	Alloy of lead and antimony used in bullets
Ibuprofen	636 mg/kg	Medication for pain and inflammation
Paracetamol (acetaminophen)	338 mg/kg	Medication for pain and fever



## Category 4 Chemicals - Warning: Harmful if Swallowed

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Harmful if Swallowed**

**THC: 1,270 mg/kg**

**Arsenic: 763 mg/kg**

**Ibuprofen: 636 mg/kg**



**Category 4 > 300 and ≤ 2000 mg/kg bodyweight**

Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)	1,270 mg/kg	Psychoactive compound
Cannabidiol (CBD)	980 mg/kg	Non-psychoactive compound used in treatment for epilepsy
Metallic Arsenic	763 mg/kg	Alloy of lead and tin used in bullets
Ibuprofen	636 mg/kg	Medicine
Paracetamol (acetaminophen)	338 mg/kg	Medicine

**Category 4 Chemicals - Warning: May be Harmful if Swallowed**

**Not Classified > 2000 mg/kg bodyweight - Presumed not acutely toxic**

Sucrose	29,700 mg/kg	
Lactose	>10,000 mg/kg	
Fructose	4,000 mg/kg	
Sodium Chloride	3,000 mg/kg	
Urea	8,471 mg/kg	of nitrogen-containing compounds
Cadmium sulfide	7,080 mg/kg	
Ethanol	7,060 mg/kg	alcohol
Melamine	6,000 mg/kg	melamine + formaldehyde = Formica, dry erase boards
Methanol	5,628 mg/kg	Wood alcohol
Citric Acid	5,040 mg/kg	Citrus fruits
Fructose	4,000 mg/kg	Fruit sugar
Sodium chloride	3,000 mg/kg	Table salt

**Not Classified – Warning: May be Harmful if Swallowed**

## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling:** RECOMMENDATIONS ARE INTENDED FOR MANUFACTURING, PACKAGING AND COMMERCIAL BLENDING WORKERS. PESTICIDE APPLICATORS AND WORKERS must refer to the product label and Directions for Use attached to the product for Agricultural Use Requirements in accordance with the EPA Worker Protection Standard 40 CFR part 170. Handle and open container in a manner as to prevent spillage. Do not eat, drink or smoke while handling this product. Immediately wash off accidental splashes of the concentrate or spray mixture from skin, clothing and out of eyes.

**Storage:** See pesticide label for full information on product storage. Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage of this product. Store away from sources of heat, out of direct sunlight and away from incompatible materials. Pesticides should be stored in secured areas away from children and animals.

**Storage Temperature (Min/Max):** Do not store below 32°F.

**Product Incompatibilities:** Strong oxidizing agents.

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Users of a pesticide product must refer to the product label for personal protective equipment requirements.

## Exposure Guidelines:

COMPONENT	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	NIOSH REL
Particulates not otherwise listed	TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	

**Engineering Controls:** Provide general or local exhaust ventilation systems to maintain airborne concentrations below OSHA PELs or other specified exposure limits. Local exhaust ventilation is preferred.

**Respiratory Protection:** In areas of poor ventilation, use a NIOSH approved respirator with cartridges/canisters approved for pesticides.

**Eye Protection:** Chemical goggles or safety glasses and full-face shield.

**Protective Gloves:** Chemical-resistant gloves such as barrier laminate, butyl rubber, nitrile, neoprene rubber, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or Viton.

**Other Protective Clothing:** Long-sleeved shirt, long pants and shoes plus socks.

**General Safety Measures:** Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet. Remove clothing immediately after handling this product. Wash outside of gloves before removing. Discard clothing and other absorbent materials that have been drenched or heavily contaminated with this product's concentrate. Do not reuse them. Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning and maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Appearance:</b>	Off-white, tan or gray powder	<b>Upper/Lower Flammability Limits:</b>	Not determined
<b>Odor:</b>	Characteristic of sulfur-containing compounds	<b>Vapor Pressure:</b>	Not determined
<b>Odor Threshold:</b>	Not determined	<b>Vapor Density:</b>	Not determined
<b>pH (1% dispersion):</b>	7-11	<b>Bulk Density:</b>	0.226 g/mL
<b>Melting /Freezing Point:</b>	131°F (55°C)	<b>Solubility:</b>	Not determined
<b>Boiling Point/Range:</b>	Not determined	<b>Partition Coefficient:</b>	Not determined
<b>Flash Point:</b>	Not determined	<b>Auto-ignition Temperature:</b>	Not determined
<b>Evaporation Rate:</b>	Not determined	<b>Decomposition Temperature:</b>	Not determined
<b>Flammability:</b>	Not determined	<b>Viscosity:</b>	Not determined

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Reactivity:</b>	None known
<b>Chemical Stability:</b>	Stable under normal storage and handling conditions.
<b>Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:</b>	No potential for hazardous reactions known.
<b>Conditions to Avoid:</b>	Temperatures below freezing.
<b>Incompatible Materials:</b>	Strong oxidizing agents
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products:</b>	Thermal decomposition may produce toxic carbon and nitrogen oxides.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

<b>Likely Routes of Exposure:</b>	Eye contact, Skin contact, Inhalation, ingestion
<b>Symptoms of Exposure:</b>	Mild eye and/or skin irritation.
<b>Oral LD<sub>50</sub>:</b>	4,991 mg/kg (Estimated based upon component data)
<b>Dermal LD<sub>50</sub>:</b>	3,415 mg/kg (Estimated based upon component data)
<b>Inhalation LC<sub>50</sub>:</b>	>5.0 mg/L (4-hour)(Estimated based upon component data)
<b>Eye Irritation/Damage:</b>	Not anticipated to cause more than mild mechanical irritation based upon component data.
<b>Skin Corrosion/Irritation:</b>	Not anticipated to cause more than mild skin irritation based upon component data.
<b>Skin Sensitization:</b>	Non-sensitizer, based upon component data.

<b>Chronic/Subchronic Toxicity:</b>	No data available			
<b>Mutagenicity:</b>	No data available			
<b>Reproductive Toxicity:</b>	No data available			
<b>Neurotoxicity:</b>	No data available			
<b>Target Organs:</b>	In animals, dithiopyr has been reported to effect the liver, kidney, adrenal gland, thyroid, gall bladder and blood.			
<b>Aspiration Hazard:</b>	Not anticipated to be an aspiration hazard.			
<b>Carcinogenicity:</b>	See below.			
<b>Chemical Name</b>	<b>ACGIH</b>	<b>IARC</b>	<b>NTP</b>	<b>OSHA</b>
No components listed				

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

## Environmental Hazards Statement from FIFRA Regulated Pesticide Label:

This product is toxic to fish and highly toxic to other aquatic organisms including oysters and shrimp. Use with care when applying to turf areas adjacent to any body of water. Drift and runoff from treated turf may adversely affect aquatic organisms in adjacent aquatic sites. Do not apply directly to water or to areas where surface water is present, or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not apply when weather conditions favor drift from treated areas. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters.

## ECOTOXICITY DATA:

<b>Fish Toxicity:</b>	No data available
<b>Aquatic Invertebrate Toxicity:</b>	No data available
<b>Aquatic Plant Toxicity:</b>	No data available
<b>Avian Toxicity:</b>	No data available
<b>Honeybee Toxicity:</b>	No data available

## ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

<b>Persistence and Degradability:</b>	No data available
<b>Bioaccumulation:</b>	No data available
<b>Mobility:</b>	No data available
<b>Other Adverse Effects:</b>	No data available

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste Disposal:** Refer to the pesticide label for full information on disposal. Pesticide wastes are toxic. Improper disposal of unused pesticide, spray mixture, or rinse water is a violation of Federal law. If these wastes cannot be used according to label instructions, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency or the Hazardous Waste representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance in proper disposal methods.

**Container Disposal:** Refer to the pesticide label for full information on disposal. When possible, triple rinse the container and offer for recycling if available.

**RCRA Characteristics:** It is the responsibility of the individual disposing of this product to determine the RCRA classification and hazard status of the waste.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

<b>DOT (Ground):</b>	Not regulated
<b>IMDG (Sea):</b>	UN3077, Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Dithiopyr), 9, PGIII, Marine Pollutant
<b>IATA (Air):</b>	UN3077, Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Dithiopyr), 9, PGIII, Marine Pollutant

# Safety Data Sheets - SDS

## Dithiopyr 40 WSB – a pre-emergent herbicide

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<b>Mutagenicity:</b>	No data available
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<b>Neurotoxicity:</b>	No data available
<b>Target Organs:</b>	In animals, dithiopyr has been reported to effect the liver, kidney, adrenal gland, thyroid, gall bladder and blood.
<b>Aspiration Hazard:</b>	Not anticipated to be an aspiration hazard.
<b>Carcinogenicity:</b>	See below.

Chemical Name	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA
No components listed				

# Dithiopyr 40 WSB – a pre-emergent herbicide

# Quali-Pro Dithiopyr 40 WSB

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### ACUTE TOXICITY/IRRITATION STUDIES:

Acute Oral LD50 (Rat): >5,000 mg/kg

Acute Dermal LD50 (Rat): >2,000 mg/kg

Acute Inhalation LC50 (Rat): 1.81 mg/L air (4-hours)

Eye Irritation (Rabbit): Mildly Irritating

Dermal Irritation (Rabbit): Practically Non-Irritation (Rabbit)

Dermal Sensitization (Guinea Pig): Sensitizing (Guinea Pig)

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**SUMMARY OF EFFECTS (Prodimine):** Highly toxic to fish and invertebrates.  
Practically non-toxic to birds and bees.

**Prodimine 65 – a pre-emergent herbicide**



# Quali-Pro Dithiopyr 40 WSB

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Cadmium sulfide	7,080 mg/kg
Ethanol	7,060 mg/kg
Melamine	6,000 mg/kg
Methanol	5,628 mg/kg
Citric Acid	5,040 mg/kg
Fructose	4,000 mg/kg
Sodium chloride	3,000 mg/kg

**Dithiopyr 40 WSB**

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## Quali-Pro® Prodiamine 65 WDG

### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Prodimine 65 – a pre-emergent herbicide**

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Commercially available at Home Depot  
For application to Residential Property  
By the Property Owner

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## Commercially available at Home Depot

2,4-D

LD50 = 375 mg/kg

Sulfentrazone

LD50 = 2,689 mg/kg

Mecoprop-P

LD50 = 650 mg/kg

Pendimethalin

LD50 > 4,000 mg/kg

Dicamba

LD50 = 2,000 mg/kg

Dithiopyr

LD50 = 4,991 mg/kg

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## **Environmental Hazards:**

### **Dithiopyr:**

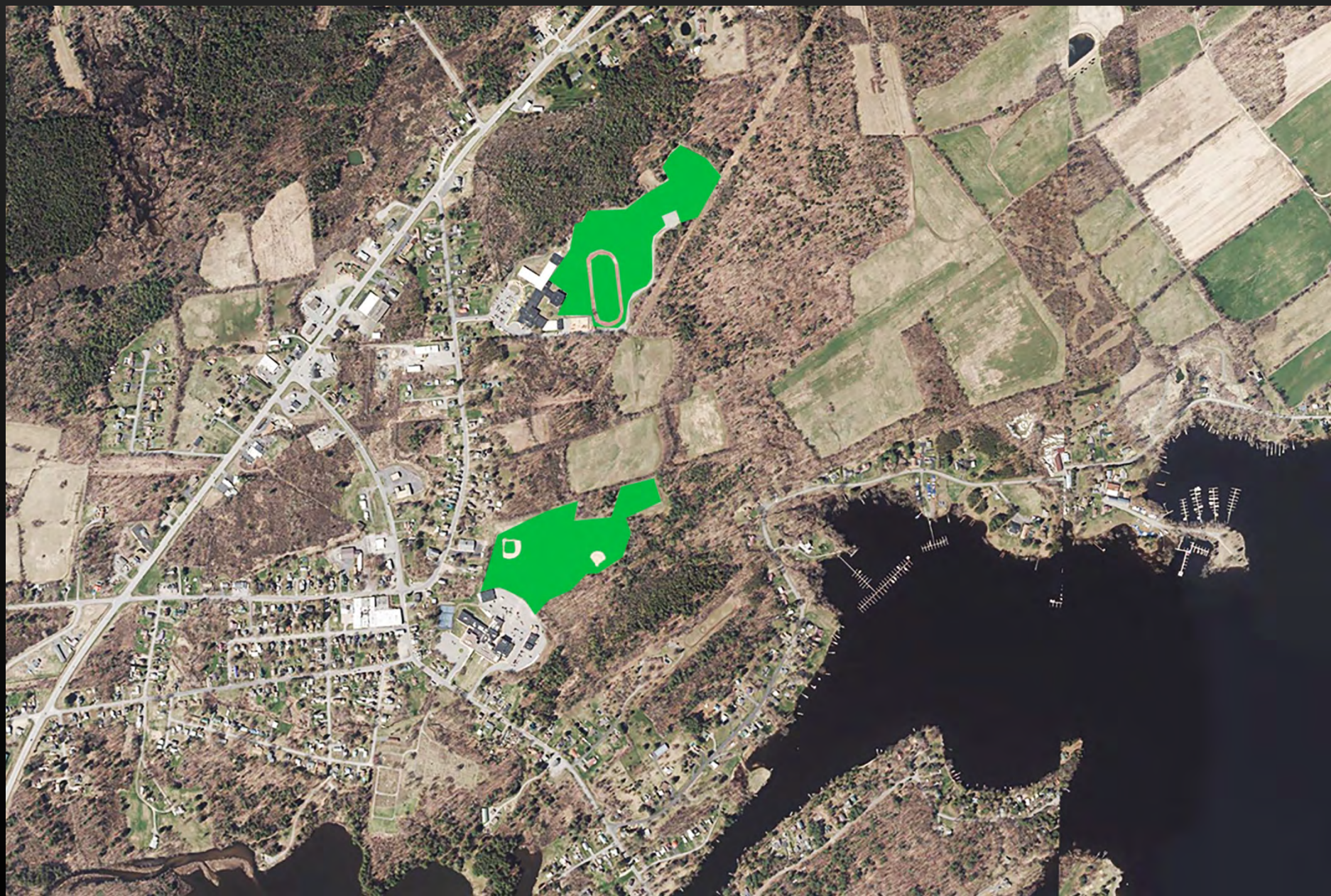
This product is toxic to fish and highly toxic to other aquatic organisms. . .

Do not apply directly to water or to areas where surface water is present

### **Prodiamine:**

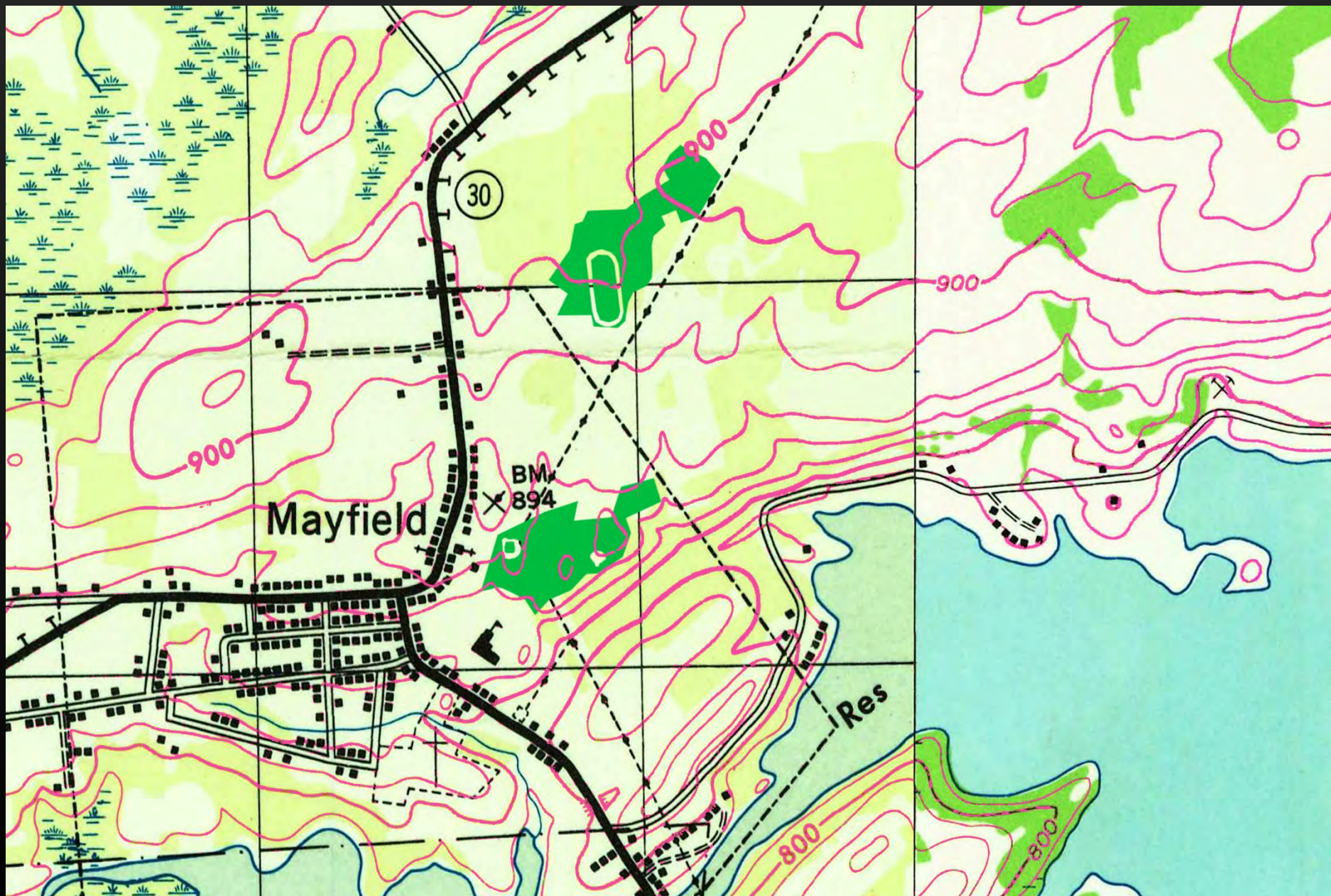
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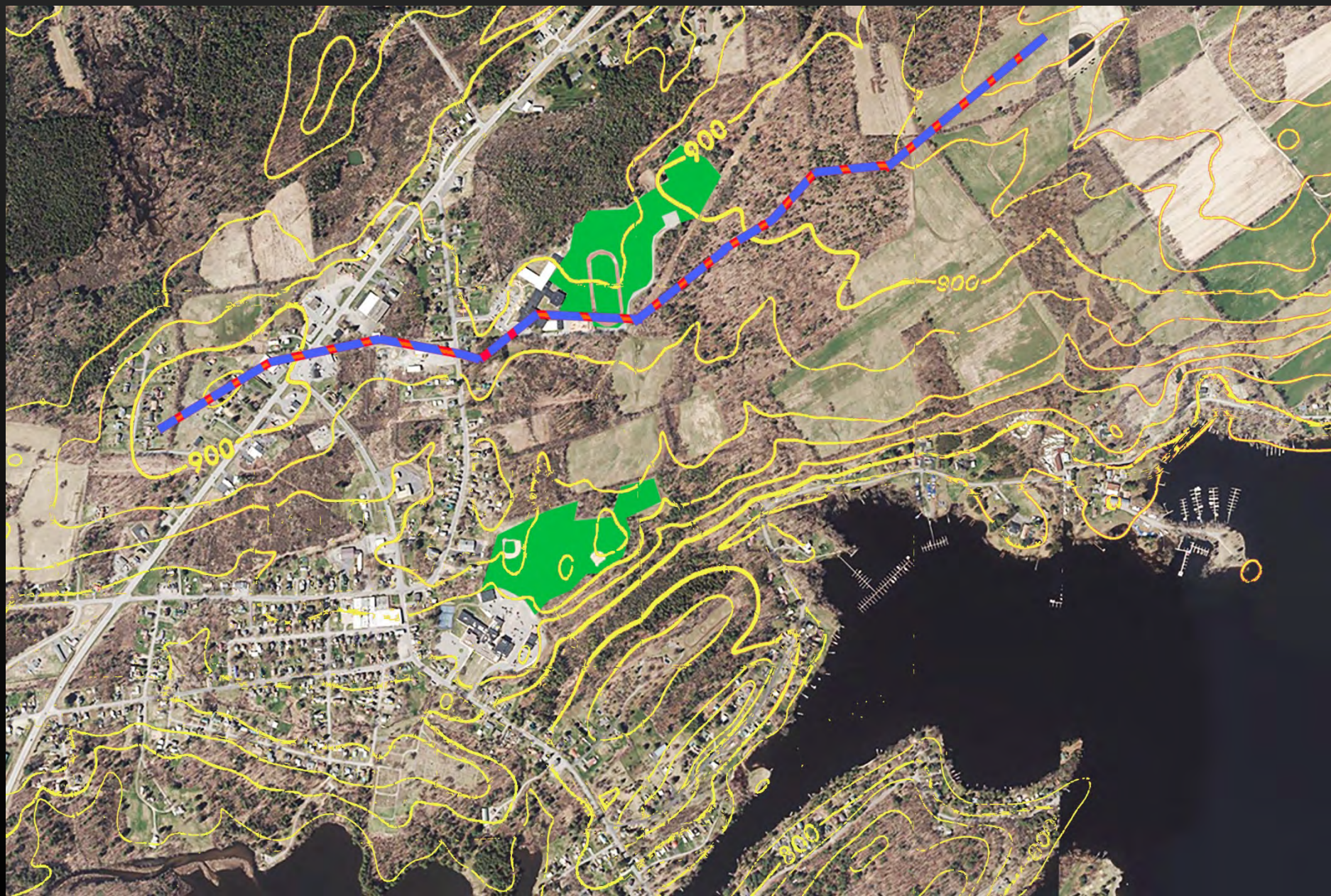
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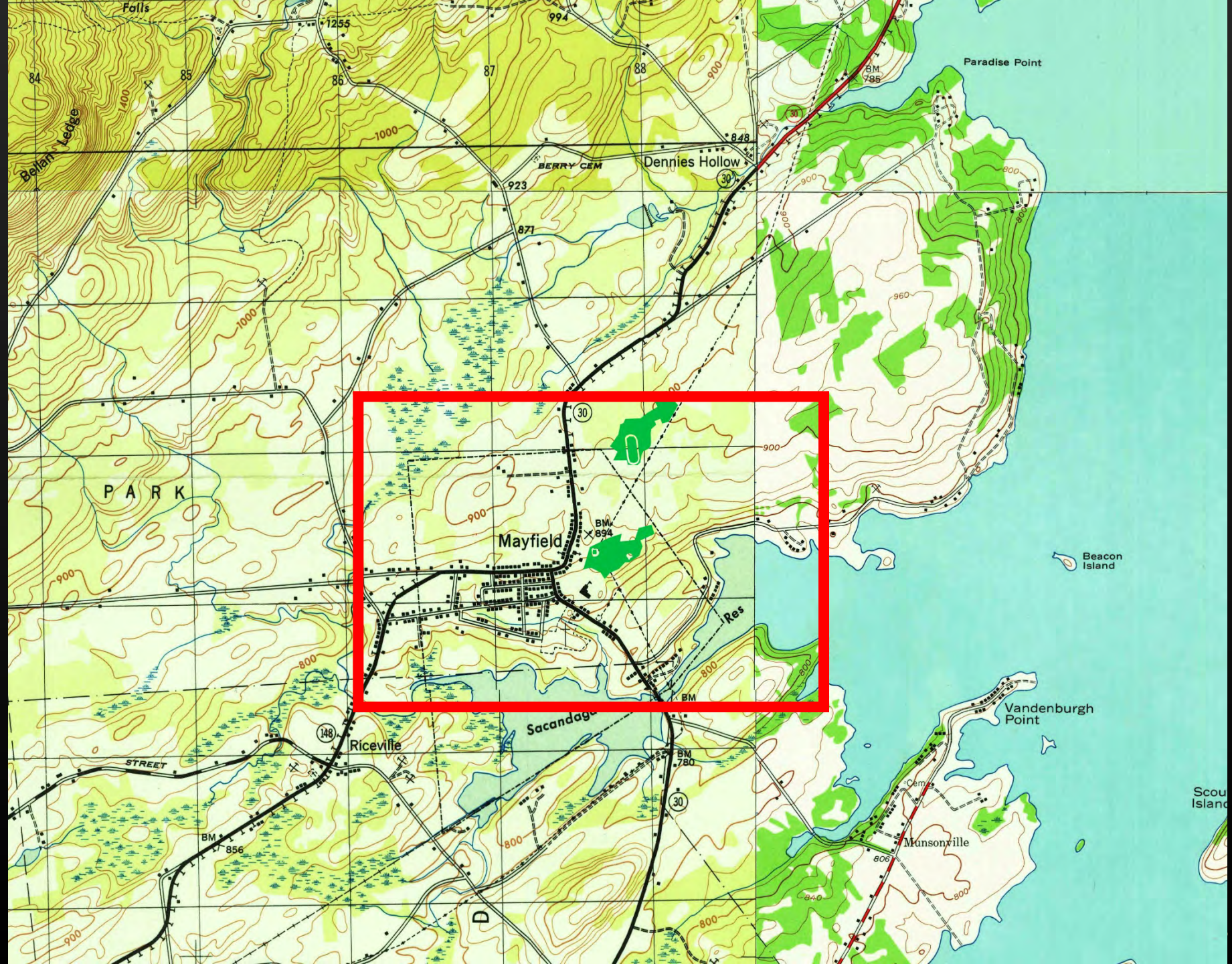
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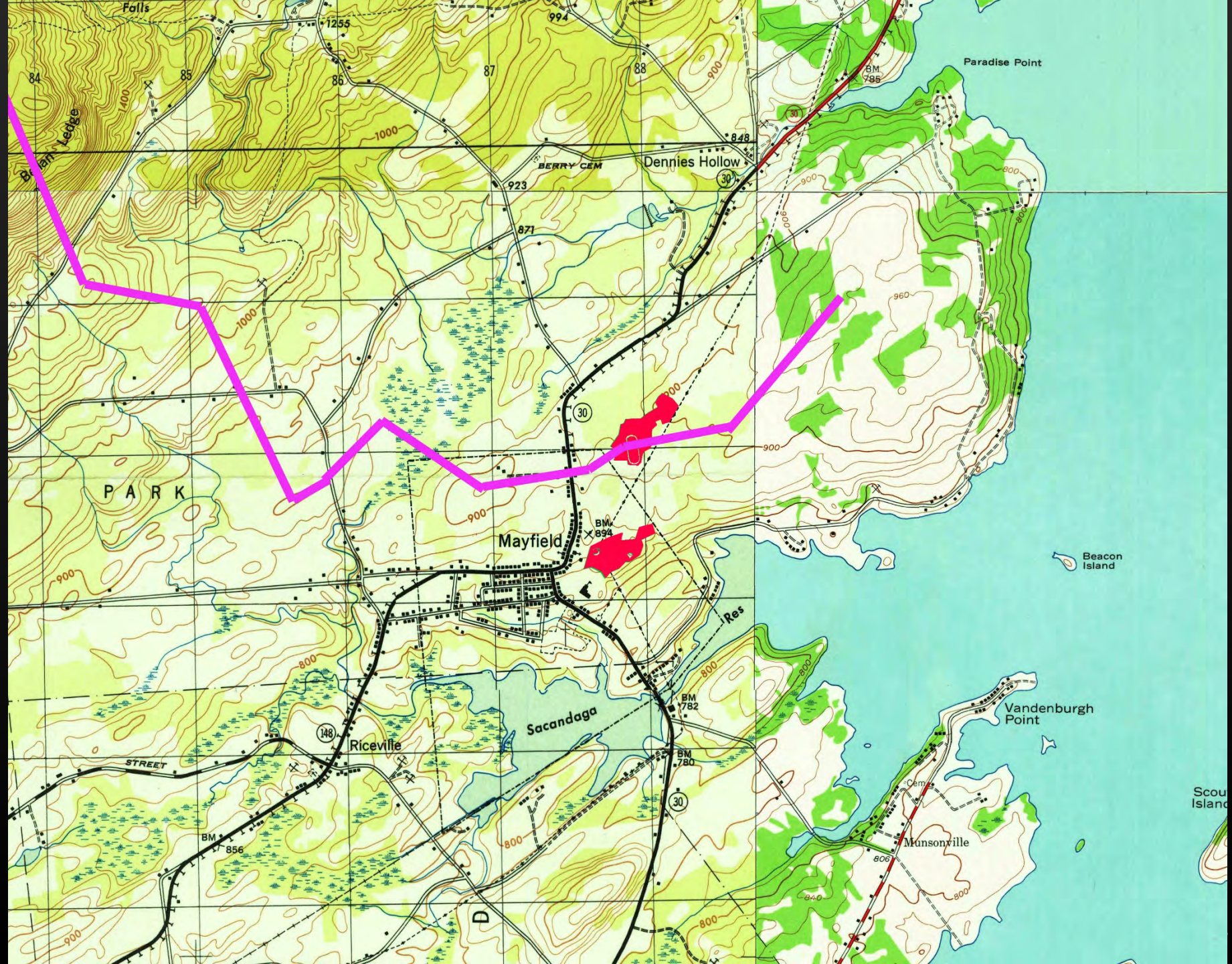


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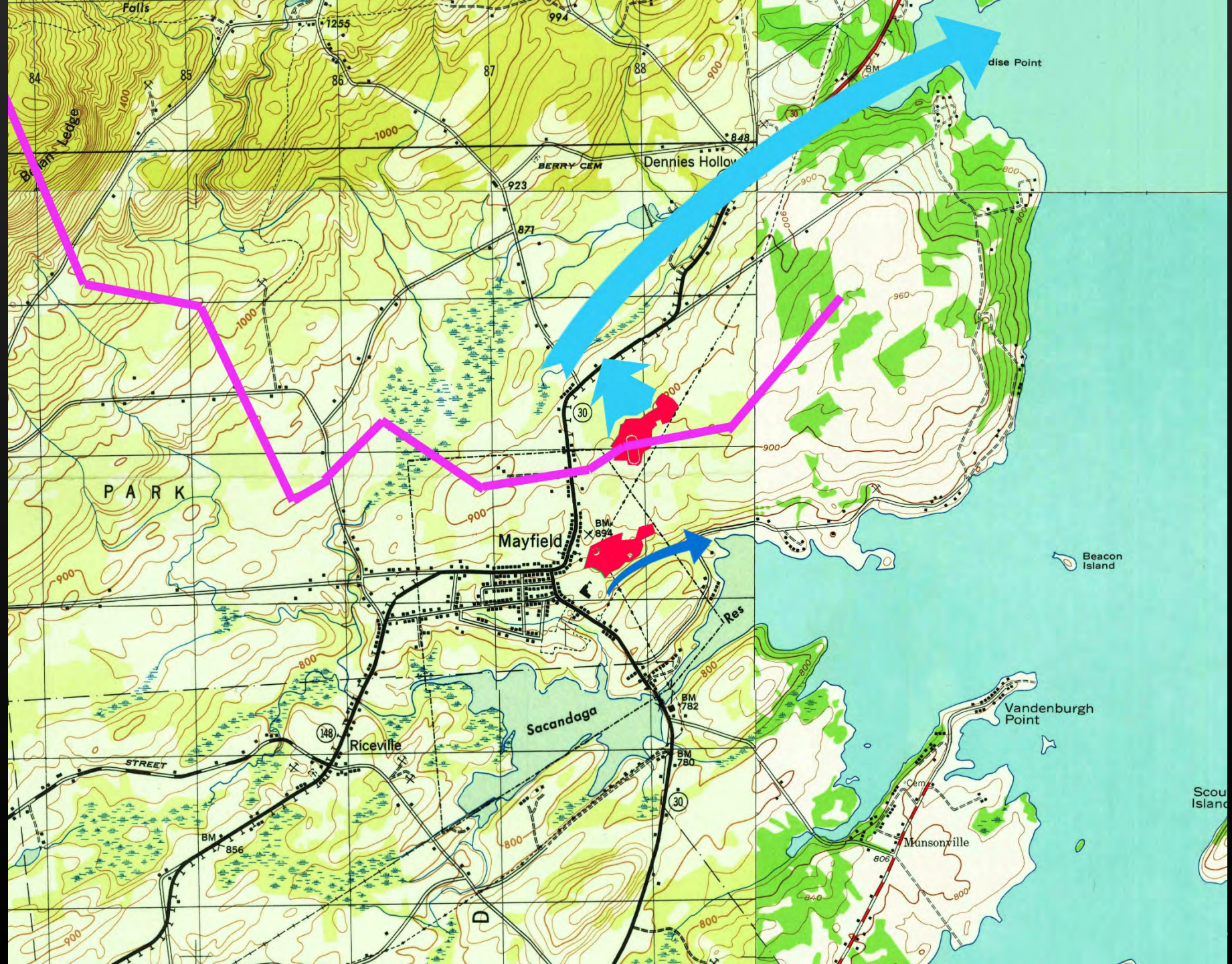














**Risk assessment** is the process where we:

Identify the Hazard

Perform Risk Analysis / Risk Evaluation

Perform Risk Control

**Goals:**

1. Discuss relative risks of herbicide controls
2. Discuss how to evaluate risks of chemical herbicide controls when compared to other chemicals.
3. Reach an informed decision on relative merits of using chemical controls vs. student athlete injury.
4. Consider a program of chemical treatments in 2019 and future years.



# REMEMBER

Pesticide means:

(1) any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any insects, rodents, fungi, weeds, or other forms of plant or animal life or viruses, except viruses on or in living humans/or other animals, which the department shall declare to be a pest . . .

6 CRR – NY 326 1 NY – CRR, Title 6, Chapter IV, Subchapter A. Pesticide Control, Part 325. Application of Pesticides, 325.1 Definitions

Pesticides include:

- Insecticides
- Rodenticides
- Fungicides
- Herbicides

Integrated pest management (IPM) means a systematic approach to managing pests which focuses on long-term prevention or suppression with minimal impact on human health, the environment and nontarget organisms. IPM incorporates all reasonable measures to prevent pest problems by properly identifying pests, monitoring population dynamics, and utilizing cultural, physical, biological or chemical pest population control methods to reduce pests to acceptable levels.

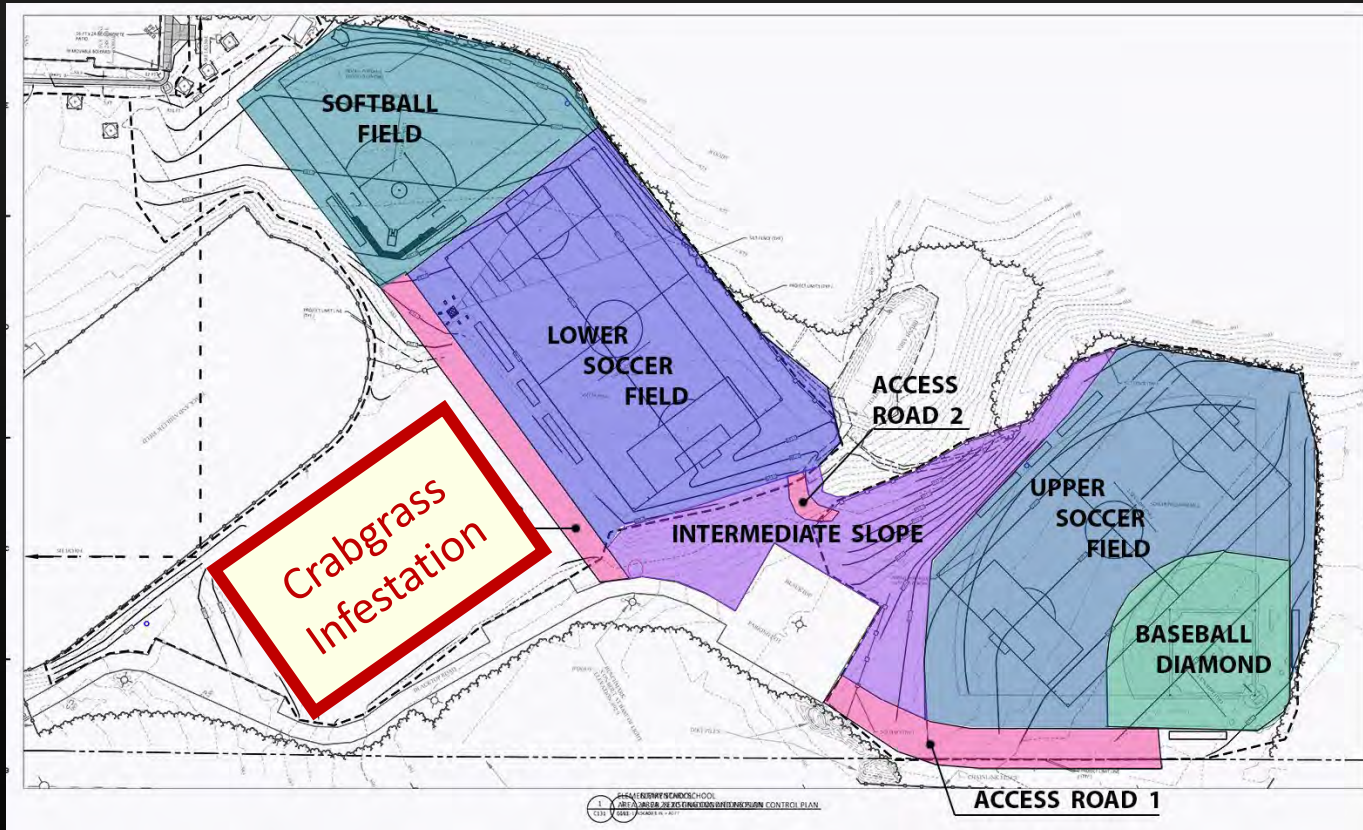
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## The Case for Pre-emergent Herbicides

- Soccer is a high- to moderate-intensity contact/collision sport.
- Soccer has a higher injury rate than many other sports.
- Poor turf conditions contribute to injury rates.
- Risk of injury > chemical risk to student athletes

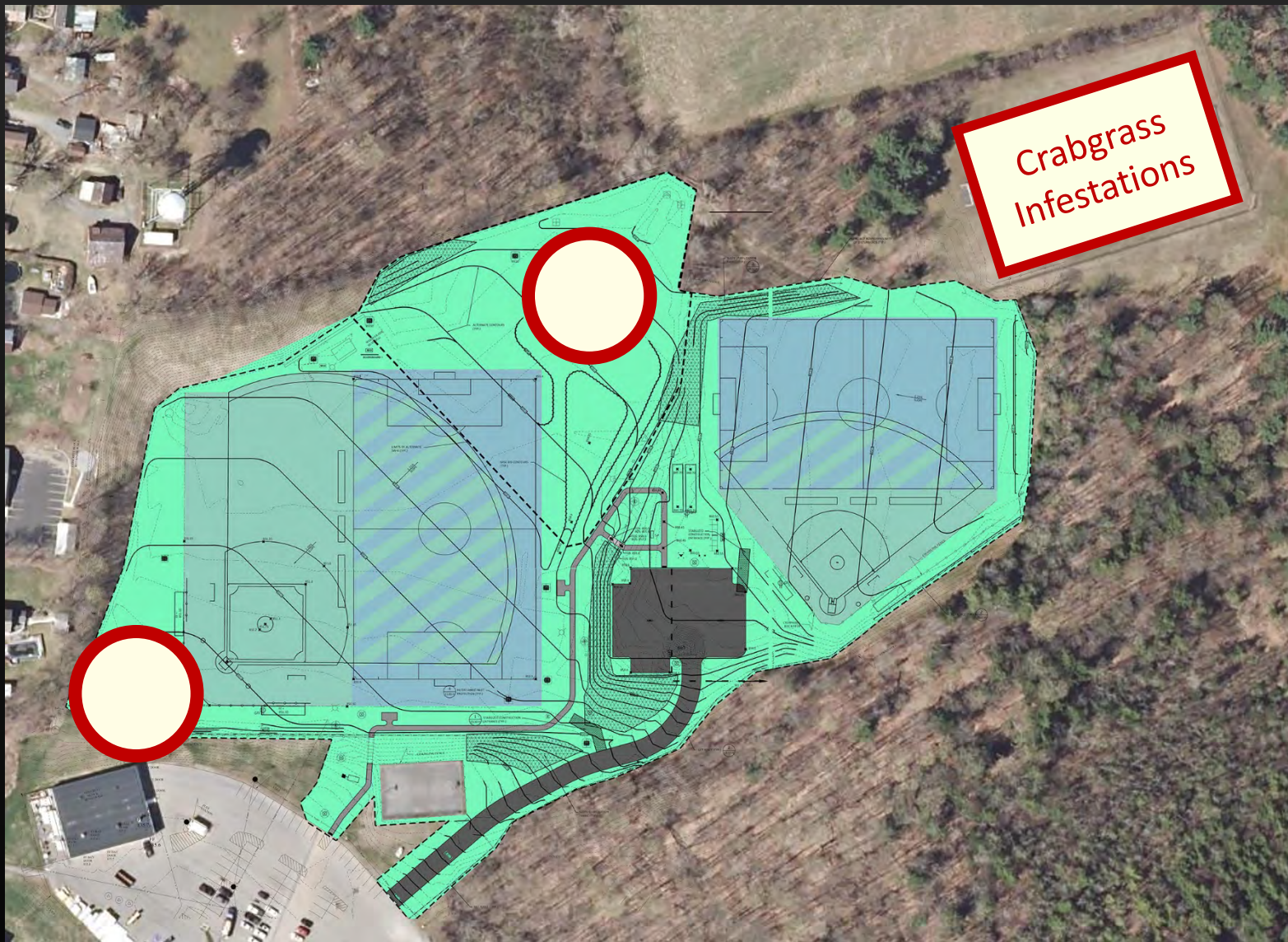




Elementary School Athletic Fields 2016 - 2018

Mayfield Athletic Fields





**High School Athletic Fields 2018 - 2019**

**Mayfield Athletic Fields**

# Mayfield IPM

1. Develop a long-term, systematic approach to maintenance
2. Allow the contractor to apply Dithiopyr and/or Prodiamine spring and summer 2019
3. Provide the contractor with a supplemental source of irrigation water
4. Re-seed with turf grass species in late summer 2019
5. Monitor seeding success and density of turf. Identify areas of bare soil.
6. Keep people off the fields until spring 2020
7. Evaluate effectiveness of pre-emergent weed controls.
8. Follow-on application of corn gluten meal and NPK fertilizer
9. Practice vigilance in monitoring weed species
10. Aggressively eradicate adjacent weed seed banks.
11. Develop a long-term, systematic approach to maintenance