

# The Growing GREEN Infill Movement

Shared experiences in selecting infill for synthetic turf surfaces

## THE ROLE OF INFILL

*"Like most people, I was of the belief that infill is infill. We looked at a zillion surfaces, but the more information we gathered, it became apparent how important the role of infill is in so many areas. It may sound cliché, but after doing all our research I can say with certainty that all infill is really not created equal."*

### John A. Franchi

Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics  
Bethpage Union Free School District  
Bethpage, New York



## DURABILITY

*"Our field is constantly in use, so we needed an infill that was durable and would retain its cushiony properties over time. We're now midway through the third season and the field still looks and plays like the day it was installed."*

**Franchi has also been pleased with the significant reduction in the amount of infill lost to displacement and static cling, something he attributes to the unique characteristics of the CushionFall Sport infill.**

**John Franchi, Bethpage Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, chose CushionFall Sport® as the infill solution. Now, midway through the third season of enduring nearly nonstop, rigorous activity, the field still looks brand new; and Franchi is confident he made the right choice.**



## MAINTENANCE

*"The field is easy to maintain and the infill doesn't seem to get as compacted as what I had seen on other fields. The infill stays on the field, and not stuck to cleats, socks and uniforms. Parents ask me why this doesn't happen on our field, and I'm happy to tell them it is because of CushionFall Sport."*

# THE INFILL THAT SUPPORTS TURF FIBERS IS AS IMPORTANT AS THE FIBER ITSELF

After months of strategic planning, the Board of Education representing Joliet Township High Schools turned to Chris Olson, district director of activities and athletics, to lead efforts in selecting synthetic turf systems for the Township's two high schools. Olson inspected dozens of fields before selecting CushionFall Sport® as the infill.



**Chris Olson**  
District Director of Activities and Athletics  
Joliet Township High Schools  
Joliet, Illinois



## PLAYABILITY AND APPEARANCE

*"The playability is just fantastic. We don't have any worries with rain deluges because CushionFall Sport actually helps promote field drainage. And there's very little shadowing. When the lights are on, the surface looks like a natural grass field — better actually."*

For most schools and municipalities, sensitivity to cost is a primary concern. But after realizing green infill would be more realistic aesthetically, and learning of the many additional benefits of CushionFall Sport, Olson was delighted to learn that CushionFall Sport was also the more affordable "green" option.

## PRICE

*"Price is always a concern, especially for high schools that are often required to accept lowest bids. I can tell you from my experience, that of all the green infill options, CushionFall Sport was by far the clear winner. And it is also a much better product too."*

Olson is pleased to have been involved in providing the kids what he considers a premier playing surface; one that will hold up over time, is safe for the athletes, and frankly, the envy of many competing schools.

## PRIDE

*"The Board was tremendously supportive and always has the best interest of the kids in mind. I was honored to play a role in a process that resulted in such great-looking facilities. The fields have also been a tremendous uplift for our athletes, even evoking a new sense of school spirit. There's no doubt the fields just look nicer with the CushionFall Sport infill."*