

Dear Members of the Planning Board:

We are People Friendly Stamford, a local community advocacy group working to create walkable and bikeable neighborhoods, improve transit, reduce car-dependency, and support housing abundance.

In the midst of a challenging housing market and a continued wave of pedestrian deaths, there is an urgent need to prioritize investments in affordable housing and safe streets. We particularly appreciate your commitment to fully funding the Vision Zero Action Plan Implementation and the Washington Boulevard Safety and Mobility Improvements in the Draft Capital Budget. We further respectfully ask you to recommend full funding for the following Capital Projects for the 2025-2026 fiscal year:

1. **C46047 Housing Development Fund** - To leverage state funding for a critical redevelopment project and two new supportive housing projects, totaling 97 units of affordable housing.
2. **C56123 Citywide Sidewalks Reconstruction** - To support sidewalk reconstruction, directly improving safety for pedestrians.
3. **CP1281 Roadway Design and Reconstruction** - To leverage grant and private funding for improvements along Bridge Street, Third Street and Forest/Greyrock.
4. **CP8704 ADA Curb Ramps for Pedestrian Safety** - To upgrade pedestrian curb ramps to be ADA compliant and accessible for all.
5. **CP4211 Downtown Sidewalk Reconstruction** - To improve existing sidewalks Downtown.
6. **C56174 Citywide Signals** - To ensure citywide signals are operating properly and can accommodate advanced safety features for pedestrians.
7. **CP7306 High Ridge Road & Long Ridge Road Implementation** - To make the Bulls Head intersection more accessible to non-motorists by installing safety features such as ADA compliant ramps, high visibility crosswalks and enhanced bus shelters.
8. **CP8705 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Implementation** - To implement the City's Bike and Pedestrian Plan by installing new crosswalks, sidewalks, bike lanes, bump outs, etc.

We also ask the Planning Board to consider supporting additional funds for park projects related to improved pedestrian access and walking paths, providing safe and accessible spaces for residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

People Friendly Stamford

From: Janelle Teng <jet78xo@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 7:53 AM

To: Tepper, Jay <JTepper@StamfordCT.gov>; Godzeno, Jennifer <JGodzeno@StamfordCT.gov>; Levin, William <WLevin@StamfordCT.gov>; Subramanian, Ravi <RSubramanian@StamfordCT.gov>; Salit, Chester <CSalit@StamfordCT.gov>; Cohen, Lindsey <LCohen@StamfordCT.gov>; Mayor's Office <MayorsOffice@StamfordCT.gov>; Simmons, Caroline <CSimmons@StamfordCT.gov>

Cc: info@peoplestamford.org <info@peoplestamford.org>

Subject: Please Support Safe Streets and Housing

Dear Planning Board Members:

I would like to express my support for all of the Safe Streets and Housing projects in the 2025-2026 Capital Budget, including the following:

- C46047 Affordable Housing Fund
- C56123 Citywide Sidewalks Reconstruction
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- CP4000042 Vision Zero Action Plan Implementation
- CP8704 ADA Curb Ramps for Pedestrian Safety
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I moved to Connecticut to be close to family, but I chose Stamford because of its walkability, housing inventory, and public transit. I walk and take the Metro North frequently, and pedestrian safety is one of the most important issues to me as a voter.

Fully funding the above items will help make Stamford a safer and more affordable place to live. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Janelle Teng

From: William Bruno <williambruno302@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2025 10:13 PM

To: Tepper, Jay <JTepper@StamfordCT.gov>; Godzeno, Jennifer <JGodzeno@StamfordCT.gov>; Levin, William <WLevin@StamfordCT.gov>; Subramanian, Ravi <RSubramanian@StamfordCT.gov>; Salit, Chester <CSalit@StamfordCT.gov>; Cohen, Lindsey <LCohen@StamfordCT.gov>; Mayor's Office <MayorsOffice@StamfordCT.gov>; Simmons, Caroline <CSimmons@StamfordCT.gov>; info@peoplestamford.org <info@peoplestamford.org>

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Fully funding these items will help make Stamford a safer and more affordable place to live. Thank you for your consideration.

My family and I feel personally and especially benefit from the City's support of the safety improvements to our roadways.

Best,
William Bruno

From: Jerry Silber <silberjerry@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 11:42 AM

To: Tepper, Jay <JTepper@StamfordCT.gov>; Godzeno, Jennifer <JGodzeno@StamfordCT.gov>; Levin, William <WLevin@StamfordCT.gov>; Subramanian, Ravi <RSubramanian@StamfordCT.gov>; Salit, Chester <CSalit@StamfordCT.gov>; Cohen, Lindsey <LCohen@StamfordCT.gov>; Mayor's Office <MayorsOffice@StamfordCT.gov>; Simmons, Caroline <CSimmons@StamfordCT.gov>; People Stamford <info@peplestamford.org>

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Jerry Silber



December 18, 2024

To whom it may concern:

The Bartlett Arboretum Association supports the Land Use Capital Request, **C56078 Parks Master Plan Update**, to use requested capital funds to modify existing zoning to include parks not currently zoned as parks in the Park District. Zoning the Arboretum land appropriately is essential to help meet our organization's long-term goals and provides an extra level of protection to the park property.

On behalf of the Board of the Bartlett Arboretum Association,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy R. Kay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Tracy R. Kay

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January 7, 2025

RE: 2025-2026 Planning Board Capital Request Recommendations to Mayor Simmons

Dear Members of the Planning Board,

With support from the current administration, the Parks Strategic Plan has confirmed many of the challenges our parks face, from lack of funding to limitations on size. That is why it is vital to keep park funding at the forefront as you review the 2025-2026 Capital Budget. As stated in the Strategic Park Plan from the Trust for Public Land (TPL), **Stamford's overall ParkScore was 44 out of 100**. The ParkScore Index is the most comprehensive rating system developed to measure how well the 100 largest U.S. cities are meeting the needs for parks.¹ TPL applied the ParkScore Index methodology to Stamford's Park system to identify its strengths and weaknesses relative to the 100 most populous U.S. cities, as well as peer city of New Haven.² The five categories scored were, Acreage, Access, Investment, Amenities, and Equity. **Stamford scored 22 out of 100 for Investment, an average of \$70 per person compared to the median of \$108 and 20 out of 100 for Acreage**. Acreage included the percentage of parkland in the City (4%) and the median park size in acres (median 3), both rated in the bottom quarter of cities reviewed.

One of the Commission's roles is **"to develop plans as it deems necessary and useful for the preservation and expansion of natural resources and passive recreation areas in the city."** This is the reason the Commission supports capital request C56078: Parks Master Plan Update by the Land Use Bureau Department to not only clean-up multiple parcels located within a single park property, but to add an extra level of protection to the parks that are used as parks, however, are not currently zoned as parks. No one knows what the future holds and starting the process to rectify the zoning designations will help protect vital green space in Stamford. As noted in the Parks Strategic Plan, Stamford is already rated in the bottom quarter for acreage and percentage of parkland in the city. **We ask the Planning Board to reconsider and allocate full funding for CP56078, an essential project in preserving natural green space for Stamford residents in the future.**

The City of Stamford's population continues to increase and yet, the green space for athletic field use is not keeping pace. The Commission would like the Planning Board to reconsider recommending the full capital request submitted by the Land Use Bureau for the Overall Needs Assessment for City Fields (CP001254). Current information compiled by the Commission indicates a pressing need for more park athletic field space to accommodate sports other than baseball and softball. (Most existing field space that exists now.) With high demand for athletic field space, a study is needed to compile the usage data from both the City Park and Board of Education fields, informing the City and the Commission which sports require additional field space, ways to achieve more athletic field space using existing field space and/or new fields, which sports to plan to accommodate in the future, game courts, and the best use for allocated funds for athletic fields. It is imperative during the BOE school construction phase that athletic fields as a whole (city-wide) are studied to allocate field space accordingly.

In order for the Parks & Recreation Department to complete the tennis courts at Scalzi and Cove Parks, the department requires full funding of items CP6809 and CP4000006 because of exorbitant cost increases from last year's cost estimate. Funding that was allocated last year to both projects will be used with the 2025-2026 additional requests. We understand that the cost is significant; however, the department has repeatedly requested funding since 2017-2018 to replace the dilapidated courts. The courts represent a significant liability for the city. **The Commission asks the Planning Board to please reconsider and allocate full funding for the Scalzi and Cove Tennis Courts.**

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Melanie Hollas, Chair

Michael Tedder, Vice Chair

Angela Adetola, Commissioner

Benjamin Pomerantz, Commissioner

Paul Newman, Commissioner

¹ Trust for Public Land. Stamford Citywide Parks Strategic Plan, (P48) Fall 2023.

² Ibid.

From: Ryan Cassella <ryancassella@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 11:44 AM

To: Tepper, Jay <JTepper@StamfordCT.gov>; Godzeno, Jennifer <JGodzeno@StamfordCT.gov>; Levin, William <WLevin@StamfordCT.gov>; Subramanian, Ravi <RSubramanian@StamfordCT.gov>; Salit, Chester <CSalit@StamfordCT.gov>; Cohen, Lindsey <LCohen@StamfordCT.gov>; Mayor's Office <MayorsOffice@StamfordCT.gov>; Simmons, Caroline <CSimmons@StamfordCT.gov>; info@peoplestamford.org <info@peoplestamford.org>

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Fully funding these items will help make Stamford a safer and more affordable (and walkable) place to live.

Thank you,
Ryan Cassella
Stamford Resident

From: Paul Freeman <freemanp101@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 1:08 PM

To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>

Subject: Support the 1.5M funding to replace the Stamford High / Westhill Turf fields

Hello Planning Board,

My name is Paul Freeman and my family and I have lived in Stamford for 15 years. My son and daughter both attend Stamford High and play on the high school soccer teams. I am writing to ask you to approve the \$1.5M funding request to resurface the three Stamford High / Westhill turf fields, which includes the Stamford High upper turf field.

There is overwhelming community support to have safe, functional SHS upper turf field, as not having the field affects the SHS community and many youth sports leagues. This support is evident by the over 1,300 people who signed this petition in the fall of 2023:

<https://www.change.org/p/replace-the-stamford-high-school-soccer-and-lacrosse-turf-field>

Please support this funding. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Paul Freeman

From: Fox, Bryan M - STAMFORD CT <bryan_fox@ml.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 2:02 PM
To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>
Subject: Support for funding to replace SHS and WHS turf fields

Hello –

My name is Bryan Fox and I have been a Stamford resident my entire life. I have 3 daughters, two of which currently attend SHS. I am also involved in several other youth sports programs in the city of Stamford.

From the point of view of providing quality fields and safe environments for the SHS athletes (where they are on campus and have access to a trainer) I think it is important that the upper field at SHS is replaced.

I was made aware that a proposal for \$1.5 million spending including replacing the upper turf field at SHS and I would ask that you vote in favor of this spending

The upper turf field is extremely important to allowing SHS athletics to function in a fair and safe method. I believe it will also allow youth programs access to much needed field space.

Bryan Fox
Senior Vice President
Senior Financial Advisor
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From: Thomas, Kathryn <Kathryn.Thomas@cci.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 9:18 AM
To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>
Subject: City Turf Fields

Hello,

As a mother of 3 young (active children) who plan on staying in Stamford, playing Youth sports and attending High School here, I do hope that the city will vote in favor for the \$1.5mm budget item for the 3 turf fields.

We need to both keep our children safe & provide a safe environment for visitors and fans, as well as keep the talent pool in Stamford to remain competitive vs our peer towns.

Please please make this happen.
Katie

Kathryn Thomas
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From: amy kearney <amydrummkearney@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 9:30 AM
To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>
Subject: City fields

To whom it may concern

Maintaining city fields and having a place for youth sports is imperative. It is disgraceful to consider cutting these funds. Stamford deserves better.

Amy Kearney

From: Kusum Lynn <kusumlynn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 9:33 AM
To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>
Subject: Funding for Stamford youth

Dear Planning Board,

It is SO important to us families that we have safe fields in Stamford for our youth sports.

We need our existing turfs to be fixed plus building additional turf fields.

I implore you to please fund this project! Our children deserve a safe place to play sports.

Sincerely,

Kusum Kalachnikoff

From: Abigail Cleeland <abblesauce@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 9:42 AM
To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>
Subject: New turf fields for all kids

Hello,

I was recently made aware that the city is voting soon on whether or not the turf fields will be replaced in Stamford. My kids play soccer and lacrosse in Stamford and it's very clear that the fields need to be replaced with new ones. They are dirty, some filled with trash, and often the black rubber chips get into the kids eyes.

When we travel to other schools' fields, they are all in great condition. Stamford turf fields are highly used by kids aged 4-18, and they deserve a safe and fun place to play sports.

Please do your best to make sure the fields are updated for our youth!

Thank you
Abi Williams

From: Jared Mehl <jared.m.mehl@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 9:46 AM

To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>

Cc: Pollack, Maureen <MPollack@StamfordCT.gov>; Mayor's Office <MayorsOffice@StamfordCT.gov>; Grunberger, James <JGrunberger@StamfordCT.gov>; stamlaxassociationinfo@gmail.com;

CTCityLax@gmail.com; Matheny, Jennifer <JMatheny@StamfordCT.gov>

Subject: City Fields

Planning Board,

Please approve the funding for suitable playing fields for our community. In doing so, you are supporting a vital investment in the physical health and mental well-being of our children and our community.

Thank you,
Jared Mehl, Stamford resident for +20 years.

From: Radka Tumova <radkatumova01@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 10:03 AM

To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>

Subject: lacrosse fields

My son has been on Stamford youth lacrosse team since first grade and he plans on playing for Westhill Highschool starting next year.

There was always a practice canceled or shortened due to having no field. That results in Stamford not being able to keep up with other teams in Fairfield County.

Please keep the funding for youth sports. It is important for the youth for their healthy body and mind.

Thank you
Radka Tumova

From: JHAGERESQ <jih.hagerlaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 11:15 AM
To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>
Subject: Stamford Athletic Fields

To whom it may concern. As a resident of Stamford, and a parent, I think it is critically important that our children have places to play sports. I understand that there is a measure before the Stamford Board of Reps to fund \$1.5M to repair three Stamford public turf athletic fields, at Westhill HS and at Stamford HS. I urge the Board to support the funding bill and vote for it on 2/11/2025.

Thanks very much

Sincerely yours,
Jeremy I. Hager, Esq.
e. jih.hagerlaw@gmail.com

From: Maureen Parker <maureen.mt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 11:28 AM
To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>
Subject: Turf fields

Please invest in the children of this city, please vote yes on the turf fields!!!

Thank you!
Sent from my iPhone

From: Team Freemack <teamfreemack@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 12:04 PM

To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>

Subject: Stamford Turf Fields

I understand that the planning board will soon be making a decision regarding the re-laying of turf fields at Westhill, Boyle and Stamford High.

The fields are in desperate need of upgrades and provide a safe place for school children and the community at large to exercise and take part in important recreation. The city continues to grow in population and it's important that you keep up with provisioning of these amenities to ensure a happy, healthy and thriving community.

Regards,

Jordan Womack

From: Alyssa Mascaretti <amascaretti@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 4:35 PM

To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>

Subject: Repair and update turf fields

Dear Planning Board Members,

I am writing to share my support for the \$1,500,000 budget item to repair and update the turf fields at Stamford High School, Westhill High School, and Boyle Stadium. These fields are essential for our kids and our community.

Right now, the poor condition of these fields not only limits their use but also makes them unsafe for players. For a city like Stamford, with so many youth programs and high school teams, having safe, reliable fields is critical. These spaces aren't just for sports, they're places where kids learn teamwork, build confidence, and stay active.

Fixing these fields is more than just a short-term solution, it's an investment in the health, growth, and well-being of Stamford's youth. I hope you'll prioritize keeping this funding in place and help ensure our kids have the safe spaces they deserve.

Thank you for your time and for all you do for our community.

Sincerely,

The Mongelli Family

From: Dena Gardella <denagardella@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 9:42 PM

To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>

Subject: Funding for our kids sports fields

Please keep the funding going for Stamford's sports fields. Our children deserve to have a safe place to play sports.

From: Chris Kalachnikoff <chris@larsbolander.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 9:31 AM
To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>
Subject: Funding for Stamford youth

Dear Planning Board,

It is SO important to us families that we have safe fields in Stamford for our youth sports.

We need our existing turfs to be fixed plus building additional turf fields.

I implore you to please fund this project! Our children deserve a safe place to play sports.

Sincerely,
Chris

Chris Kalachnikoff
LARS BOLANDER
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From: Rebecca Petersen <rapatc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 2:52 PM
To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>
Subject: Vote YES to Repair/Upgrade Athletic Fields at our City High Schools

To the Planning Board:

I am writing to you requesting the board vote YES, to allocate the resources and funding to upgrade the athletic fields at Stamford and Westhill High Schools. All of these fields receive heavy use by youth, high school and adult sports. Access for our youth programs to fields is increasing shrinking, especially when fields (i.e. the Upper Turf at Stamford High) have been deemed unsafe for athletic participation. I am a parent of 2 daughters, one currently enrolled at Dolan Middle School and a recent Stamford High graduate who are and were active in youth, middle school, and high school sports. Access to adequate playing fields is vital to our children, as they develop social skills, leadership, and are engaging in healthy activities. Athletics provides youth opportunities to be a part of a community. I am also an athletic trainer for over 25 years and understand a safe, well maintained, adequate playing surface is critical to reducing the risk of injury to our youth.

The fields are also heavily utilized by the schools' surrounding communities when not in use by the scholastic events. I remember teaching my oldest daughter how to ride her bike on the field at Boyle Stadium over 10 years ago. The community uses the track, plays soccer, cricket, etc. on the field. It is imperative the City of Stamford maintains and upgrade the fields for continued, safe use in the future.

I am requesting the funding remains in the budget and a plan is put in place to update and improve our athletic fields for our community.

Please feel free to reach out if you have further questions.

Regards,

Rebecca Petersen, MS, ATC
Board Member, Stamford Lacrosse Association
Board Member, Stamford Youngtimers Girls Basketball
SPS Parent

rapatc@yahoo.com

From: Elly Blanco-Rowe <elizabeth.blanco@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 8:22 PM

To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>

Subject: Support for Turf Field Repairs in Stamford

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Elly Blanco-Rowe, and I am the parent of a 2nd grader who is participating in lacrosse for the first time. I am writing to express my strong support for the \$1,500,000 capital project budget item to repair the three turf fields in Stamford - Stamford High Upper Turf, Westhill Lower Turf, and Boyle Stadium.

As a Stamford resident and the parent of two additional student athletes in the community, I know the importance of having safe and well-maintained fields. With the growing demand for field space and the current state of disrepair, it is increasingly difficult for children to have access to safe and suitable playing environments. These fields have served as a foundation for youth sports for years, but their current condition poses safety concerns that must be addressed.

I urge the Planning Board to keep this funding in place and pass it on to the Finance Board. Investing in these fields is an investment in our children's well-being, their love for sports, and the future of youth athletics in Stamford.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Elly Blanco-Rowe, M.S., M.B.A.

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From: abut0504@aol.com <abut0504@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 1:50 PM
To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>
Subject: Field Conditions

Hello,

My name is Angela Butler, and I have 3 sons who play sports in Stamford. We live in Stamford. My 16-year-old son plays lacrosse and football at SHS, and my 10-year-old plays flag football, tackle football and lacrosse for the City of Stamford house leagues. As you are aware, the size of our city and the number of youth programs that all share field usage, there is heavy demand and usage. As of nearly three years ago, Stamford High Upper Turf has been deemed unsafe for play, therefore, their soccer and lacrosse teams are no longer using them. The lower turf field at Westhill is in a state of disrepair as well as past its useful life and needs to be replaced. Boyle Stadium is due for an update. I am hoping that it is important to you that City's youth have safe fields and that the funding will remain in place.

Thank you,
Angela Butler

From: Alison Miller <alison.l.richards@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 5:03 PM

To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>

Subject: Turf fields

I am writing to implore you to keep it in the budget to maintain and build safe turf fields for our children. As a Stamford mother of three boys, access to fields is a massively important part of my and their experience raising/growing up in Stamford as dedicated athletes.

Please do not cut spending for fields!

Alison

Alison Miller

alison.l.richards@gmail.com

From: Lucy Young <lucyayoung@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 6:44 PM
To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>
Subject: Concern for Stamford's Turf Fields

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Craig Young, and my wife Lucy and I are actively involved parents in the Stamford community. My family and I have been part of the Stamford Lacrosse Association (SLA) for the past two years, and our sons are entering their third season with this outstanding program. I am writing to you as a concerned parent and community member to stress the importance of maintaining and updating our city's turf fields.

The current state of Stamford High Upper Turf, Westhill's lower turf field, and Boyle Stadium is alarming. These fields are either unsafe or in serious disrepair, which has not only impacted the quality of play but also limited access for youth programs like SLA and high school teams. Safe, well-maintained fields are essential for our children to participate in sports, remain active, and foster a sense of teamwork and discipline.

As a city, we have a responsibility to ensure that our youth have access to facilities that meet their needs and allow them to grow in a safe environment. The proposed capital project budget item of \$1,500,000 to repair and update these fields is a vital investment in Stamford's future. The Planning Board's decision on February 11th will have a direct and lasting impact on thousands of children who rely on these spaces to pursue their athletic passions.

I urge you to approve this budget item and ensure that it moves forward to the Finance Board. Cutting this funding would not only jeopardize the safety of our current players but also compromise the viability of youth and high school sports programs in the years to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please keep the needs of Stamford's youth in mind when making this important decision.

Sincerely,
Craig and Lucy Young

From: Mail Closure <haydenmchale@att.net>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 8:32 AM
To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>
Subject: Town Turf Fields

Dear Planning Board,

It is important to the city's youth that they have safe fields for them to play sports on. I implore you to keep the \$1,500,000 funding in place to fix the existing turf fields.

Best,
Hayden McHale

From: Julie Cofone <juliecofone@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2025 9:44 AM
To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>
Subject: Turf fields

Dear Planning Board Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for maintaining and updating Stamford's turf fields. The current state of Stamford High Upper Turf, Westhill's lower turf field, and Boyle Stadium are unsafe and in serious disrepair. These fields are essential for youth and high school sports programs, and their deterioration limits access to safe and suitable playing surfaces for our children.

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I urge you to approve this budget item and ensure that it moves forward to the Finance Board. Cutting this funding would jeopardize the safety and sustainability of youth and high school sports programs in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please prioritize the well-being of Stamford's young athletes when making this important decision.

Sincerely,
Julie Cofone

From: Carolyn Consigli Nelson <consiglic@hotmail.com>

Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 11:50 AM

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Subject: FIELDS CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET

Hello,

Please approve the money for repairing Stamfords Fields.

Our city is large and there are so many programs and children that benefit from the use of these fields.

As you know, sports teams are so beneficial for our children. I implore you to approve these funds to keep our kids safe.

Thank you!
Carolyn Nelson