

STA News Bulletin



STA Director Paul Turner and Lee Huether (Executive Manager) in front of the Sports Turf Association display at the OTS, January 2000.

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"That little grass plant most of us take for granted may help make this planet more liveable – especially if we learn to give it a chance to give us all the benefits it is capable of."

– J. Beard, Texas A&M University

- Turfgrass areas are 10-14 degrees cooler than concrete or asphalt on a sunny day.
- Natural turf is softer and safer on playing fields than either bare soil or artificial turf.
- Turf areas recharge groundwater – 90 million gallons per year net per 18 hole golf course in northeastern US.
- Turf helps purify water as its dense roots and the soil microbes associated with them act as filters to capture and break down many types of pollutants.
- Turfgrass absorbs carbon dioxide, ozone and other gases harmful to humans and wildlife and releases oxygen into the air.
- A turfgrass area reduces noise and glare. ♦



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