

# Ridley College Welcomes the Sports Turf Association

At the heart of the historic Niagara Peninsula nestled on 90 acres of manicured grounds lies Ridley College, venue for the Sports Turf Association's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Field Day, September 21, 2006. Located in St. Catharines, Ontario, the Garden City is only 110 km from Toronto, 50 km from Hamilton, and 19 km from Niagara Falls and the U.S. border. The city is bisected by the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) and also links to the 400-series highways for easy access from points north, east and west.



This year's program features Dr. Andrew McNitt, Assistant Professor of Soil Science at Penn State University, with sessions on drainage, utilizing compost on athletic fields, and prioritizing limited resources with regard to multi-use field maintenance. Dr. McNitt has been with Penn State for 21 years, teaching and conducting research relating to athletic field surface characterization and golf green construction and maintenance. He has consulted on numerous athletic field construction and renovation projects at all levels of play from high school through professional sports complexes.

Joining Dr. McNitt on the program is Evan Elford, M.Sc. Candidate from the University of Guelph, who will provide research results from both the 2005 and current season on the effects of

overseeding athletic field turfgrass to reduce weed pressure. We welcomed record attendance in 2005 and delegates will again be provided the opportunity to meet with industry suppliers to view displays and request equipment demonstrations. The Sports Turf Association is a professional association committed to the promotion of safe, natural sports turf. Visit [www.sportsturfassociation.com](http://www.sportsturfassociation.com) for complete details as they become available or contact the STA office at 519.763.9431, email [info@sportsturfassociation.com](mailto:info@sportsturfassociation.com).

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