



PROACTIVE WATER USE FOR SPORTS TURF MANAGEMENT

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WORKSHOP SESSIONS IN ORDER OF APRIL 6 SCHEDULE

- *The Ontario Low Water Response (OLWR)*, George Sousa, Grand River Conservation Authority
- *Watering Restrictions and the Need to Conserve*, Steve Gombos, Water Efficiency Manager, Region of Waterloo
- *Managing Functional Athletic Turf*, Tim Ernst, Former Supervisor of Sports Turf, City of Kitchener
- *Water in the Bank*, Terry Gillepsie, University of Guelph
- *Get Smart: You Cannot Manage What You Cannot Measure*, Gregory Snaith, EnviroIrrigation Engineering Inc.
- *Workshop Summary*, Rob Witherspoon, Director, Guelph Turfgrass Institute

During the past several years, an increasing number of municipalities have implemented water use restrictions for turf for all purposes. These restrictions have become a serious concern for those responsible for premium field conditions for many sports such as soccer, football and baseball. On April 6, 2006, the Sports Turf Association hosted a workshop, the intent of which was to bring together those involved in managing the water supply of a municipality in the best interest of its citizens and those responsible for the management of quality sports turf surfaces for use by its citizens. In order to further distribute the wealth of information presented, we are pleased to publish summary articles provided by our speakers. We extend our thanks to them for further participating in this project.

