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Synthetic Turf: Asking the Right Questions

And this includes: “What’s required for maintenance? Give me an equipment list.”

Alliance associations have been fielding numerous requests for information about the many choices and decisions required when considering synthetic turf. When the answers to the questions resulted in even more questions, the Parks and Open Space Alliance (POSA) partners, including the STA, realized that there was an abundance of information out there, but it was fragmented and lacked any good overview of the spectrum that is ‘synthetic turf.’

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In response, POSA assembled a team of professionals to provide an up-to-date and detailed educational workshop entitled *Introduction to Synthetic Turf and Maintenance Training Sessions* on October 27-28. Sessions addressed the elements that must be considered for suitability, selection, design, construction, cost and maintenance.

Our thanks to those who participated in program development and session delivery, to our host the City of Missis-

sauga, and to all our exhibitors for their participation.

Not in attendance? On the following pages are two bulletins from the US-based Sports Turf Managers Association to get you started, together with an article by Paul Hollis, whose colleague Chuck Hicks spoke at the maintenance training session. Do you have something to bring to the table? We welcome your feedback. Let’s keep the information flowing in future issues of the *Sports Turf Manager*.



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**SYNTHETIC TURF
COVERAGE**

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Editor’s Note: The discussion will continue at the Ontario Turfgrass Symposium, February 23 & 24, 2011. See the program-at-a-glance inside for sessions “Artificial Turf: Challenges and Opportunities” and “Preparing Moncton for Atlantic Canada’s First Regular Season CFL Game.”



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Paul Hollis, Redexim North America, debunks some of the myths regarding maintaining synthetic turf. Hint: yes, it’s required and, despite some claims to the contrary, you can do it in-house.

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