



STA Facility Profile

Town of Oakville • Parks and Open Space

Name, location of facility.

Town of Oakville, Parks and Open Space.

General facility information.

- 121 sports fields (55 are irrigated)
- 130+ playground structures
- 126 kilometres of trails
- 1 greenhouse and conservatory
- 2 harbours
- 1 active cemetery

What types of sports fields are on site?

We have a variety from soccer (several sizes) to baseball, softball, field hockey and lawn bowling. Many of our fields have been ranked among the best in Ontario.

How many employees are involved with turf care?

- One Supervisor
- Grass: 5 lead hands, 5 staff cutting on 17-foot mowers, 3 additional staff cutting exclusively sports fields, 1 rough cut, 11 grass crews (41 grass students)
- Sports: 1 lead hand, 3 operators, 16 students, 1 irrigation tech and 1 IPM operator

How many acres of turf are maintained? How many acres of sports turf?

1,200 hectares are maintained with 450 hectares of sports turf.

What percentage of this acreage is irrigated?

10 to 15%.

What is the primary type of turfgrass? Name of varieties.

Kentucky blue and perennial rye.



Pineglens Sports Facility

Is yearly overseeding part of your sports turf maintenance program?

Absolutely – that and aerating are the keys to our success actually – 4 times on irrigated and up to 2 times on selected non-irrigated fields.

How many times do you fertilize?

Irrigated 5 times, non-irrigated 2 times (establishing new fields, 3 to 4 times).

Do you aerate? Topdress?

We have one dedicated staff member who exclusively aerates 40 hours per week.

Has your municipality banned the use of pesticides?

Yes, in a manner of speaking. We operate under a Council approved policy with

strict guidelines that dictate when pesticides can be used. Turf has not been sprayed since 2001.

Are community user groups involved or have they been involved in the construction/maintenance of facilities? In what manner?

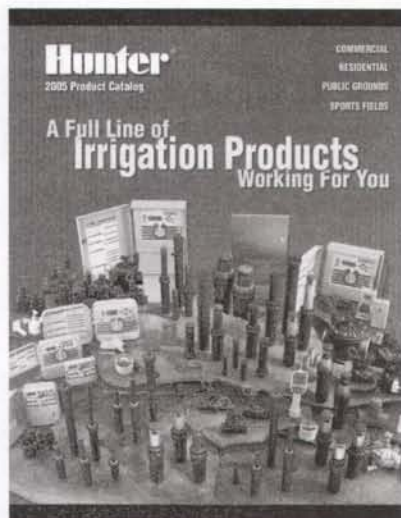
Yes, financially in development and facility upgrades. Operational through volunteer maintenance. ♦

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