LM PRESENTS award-winning landscape management

Property at a glance

Location: Sylvania, OH

Staff: Sylvania Recreation Department

Category: Parks, Recreation Area or

Total budget: \$560,500

Year site built: 1989

Acres of turf: 135

Acres of woody ornamentals: 1

Acres of display beds: 1

Total paved area: 15 miles

Total man-hours/week: 70

Maintenance challenges

- Maintain high quality turf despite high traffic
- ▶ Performing maintenance around
- Poor soil for athletic fields (heavy clay)

Project checklist

Completed in last two years:

- Installation of four new ball
- ▶ Planting of over 100 woody trees
- Installation of paved access paths

On the job

Five full-time staff, 13 seasonal employees, three licensed pesticide

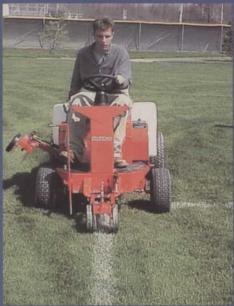
Pacesetter Park

2001 PGMS Grand Award Winner for Parks, Recreation Area or Athletic Fields

Pacesetter Park in Sylvania, OH, gives "field traffic" a whole new meaning. With 25 game-only soccer, lacrosse and flag football fields, eight ball dianance facilities and a state-of-the-art recreational activity in this northwestern suburb of Toledo. In 2000, the entire facility averaged between 191,000 and 200,000 players, spectators and other community users.

Obviously, this intense traffic in soil that's heavy in clay. Mowing is performed three to four times a week at a height of 1 3/4 in. All work must be completed by 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, as evenings and weekends are reserved for games.

Pacesetter Park was the first recreational facility in Ohio to install the Toro



Pacesetter Park's grounds crew members spend a good deal of their time lining and relining the numerous on-site athletic fields.

pinpoint precision of watering cycles and

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