

Fields Improvement Project

Presented to North Salem Town Board
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3 Key Components

1. Add a turf field
2. Repairs to Tompkins field
3. Add unisex toilets

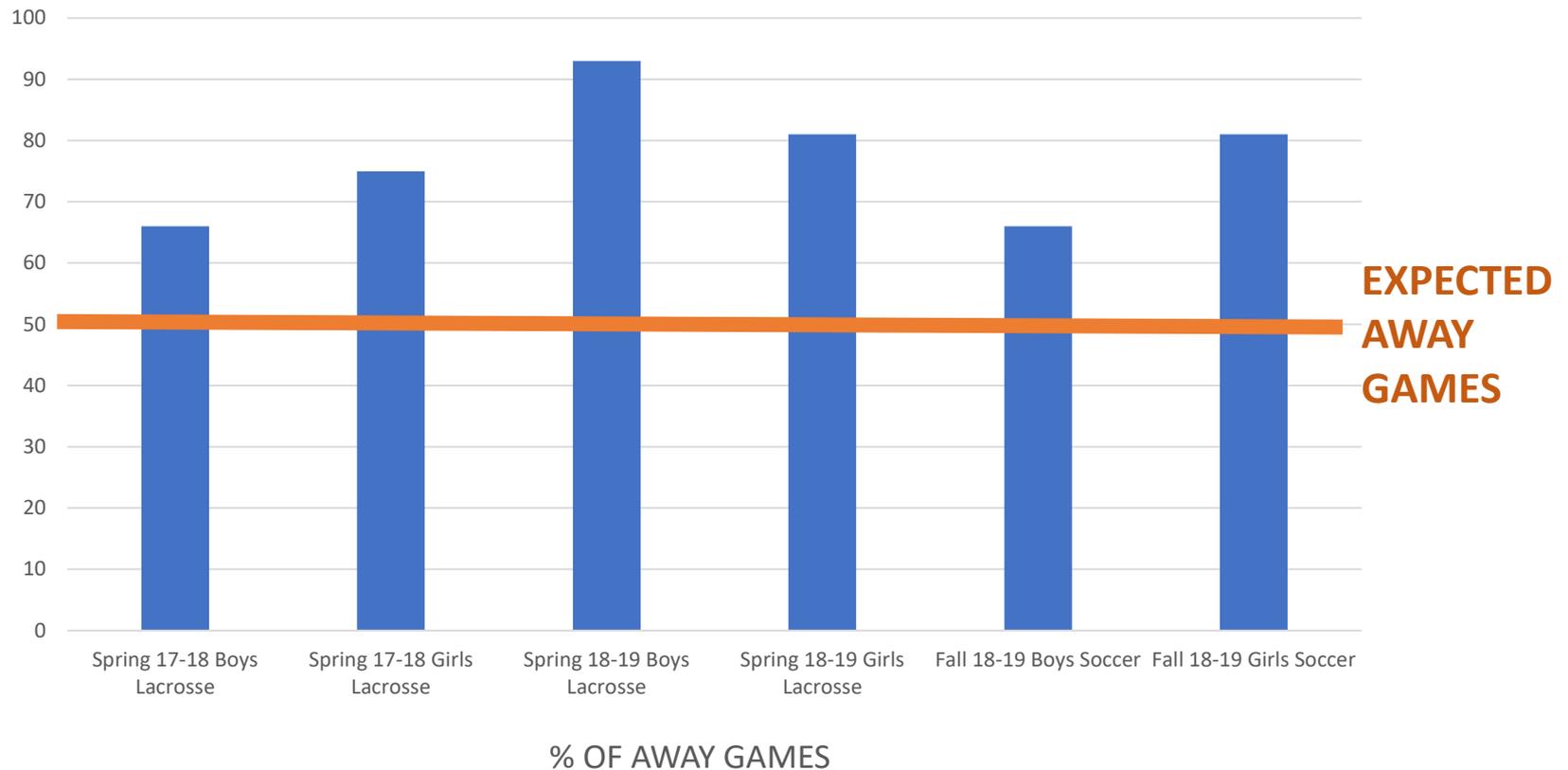
Why Invest in Athletics

- Athletics teaches leadership, integrity and problem solving
- 75% of teams are “student athletes” who maintain an average of 90 or better

	Fall 19/20	Spring 19/20
Athletes	241	382
Teams	19	18
Teams that would play on proposed turf field	boys soccer girls soccer field hockey	boys lacrosse girls lacrosse
#/% of Athletes	154 / 63%	86/ 22%
Teams that would practice on proposed turf field		baseball softball
#/% of Athletes		28/7%

Why Turf

- Extends practice time
- Keeps games at home



Avoids practice relocations due to weather

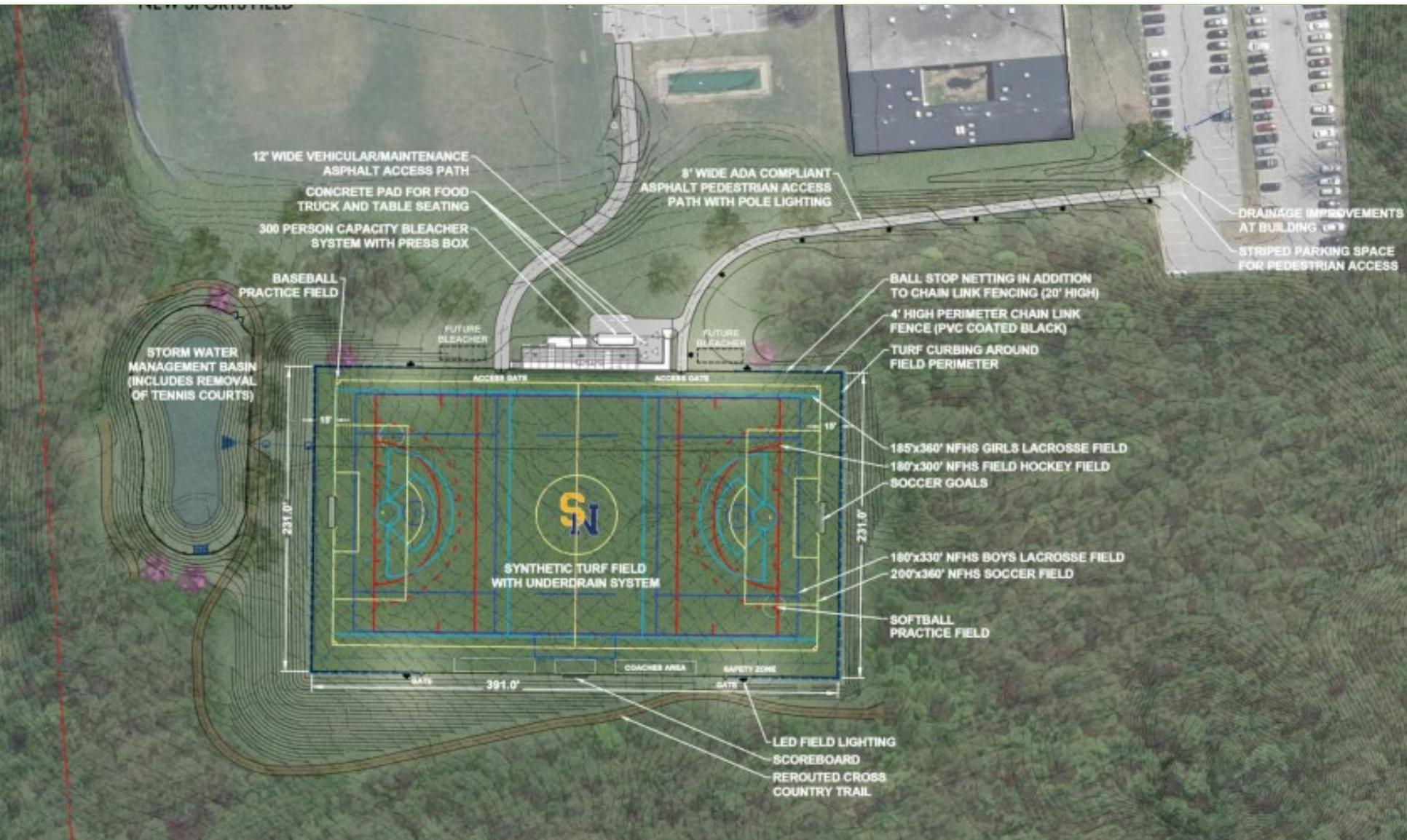
- Transportation about \$200/trip
- Rental costs for practice facility such as Danbury Dome (average approx. \$9,500/yr.)
- Increases ***“practice” burden*** on students – time away from homework and family

Season	Sport	Total Practices	Home Field Practice (#)	Relocated Alternative Location (#)	Relocated Alternative Location (%)
Spring 18	Girls Lacrosse	35	9 Volunteers	26	74%
	Boys Lacrosse	43	11 Tompkins	32	74%
Fall 18	Girls Soccer	36	22 Volunteers	14	39%
	Boys Soccer	24	13 Tompkins	11	46%
Spring 19	Girls Lacrosse	38	7 Volunteers	31	82%
	Boys Lacrosse	34	5 Tompkins	29	85%

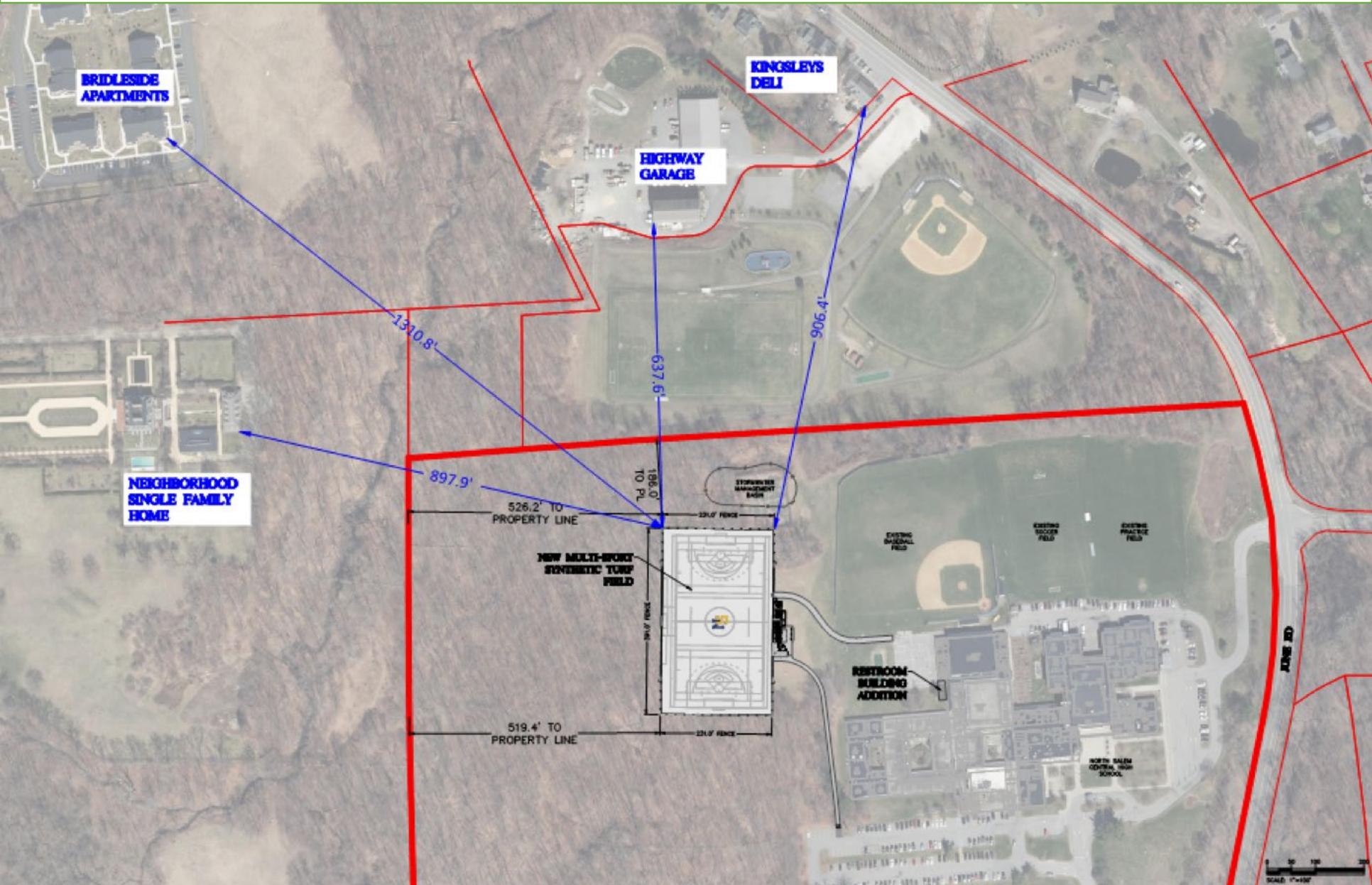
Other benefits and uses

- Increase competitiveness by allowing students to practice on the type of field they will encounter
 - *55 of 79 (70%) Section 1 schools have at least 1 turf field*
 - *Our neighboring districts (John Jay, Somers, Brewster, Carmel, Mahopac) have turf fields*
- Opportunity to add to the town's field inventory
- Use for MS/HS physical education
- Use for PQ field days

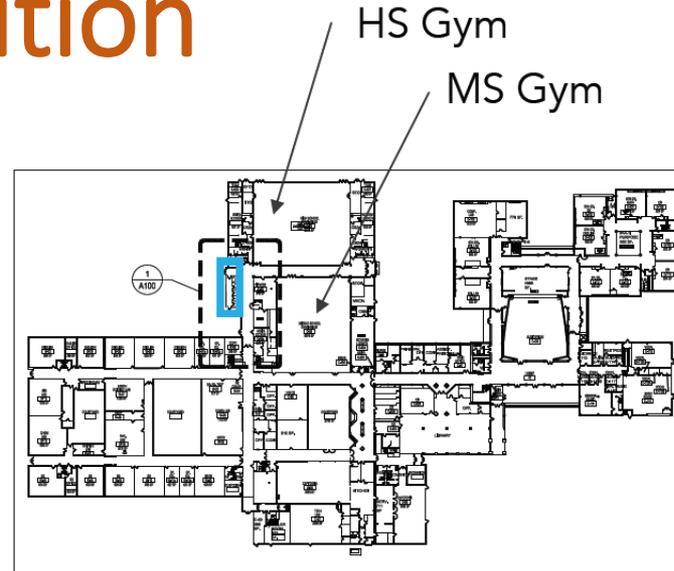
Turf Field Scope of Work



Community Context



Toilet Addition

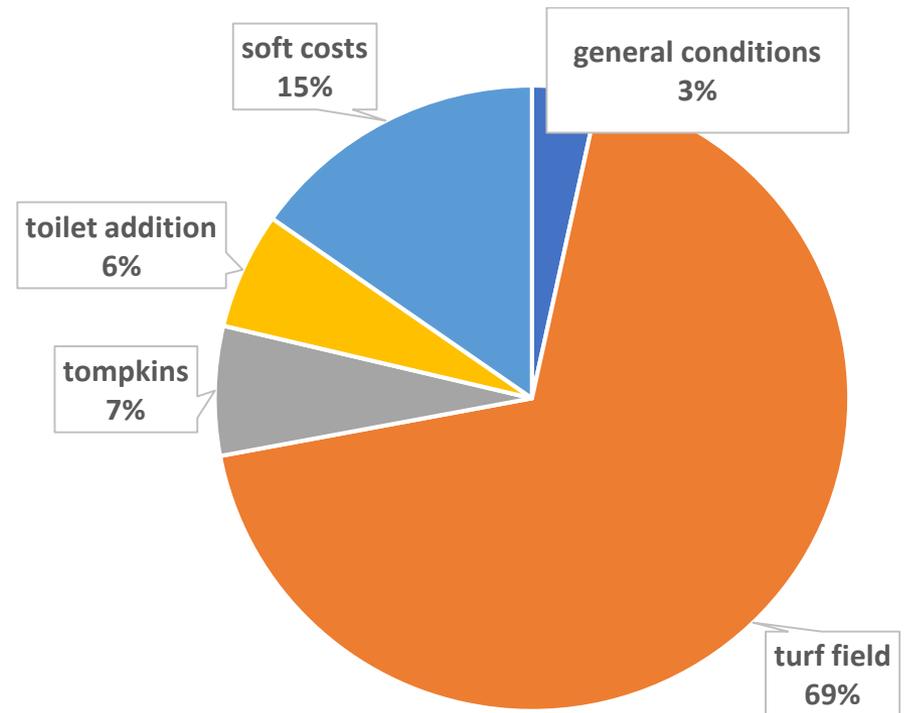


New Restrooms KEY Plan

- Bathrooms are central to fields for outside events and convenient to gym to support indoor events such as volleyball and basketball
- Reduces costs for winterizing
- Easier to clean and supervise for safety
- Attaching toilets to the school generates New York State aid. Current aid formulas estimate this to be in excess of \$1,000,000

Budget Summary (2/24/20)

Budget Summary	Trade cost w/ Contingencies
General conditions	234,511
Turf field	4,734,388
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Toilet addition	415,108
Total construction	5,845,027
Softcosts	1,052,105
Total	6,897,131



What's in the cost

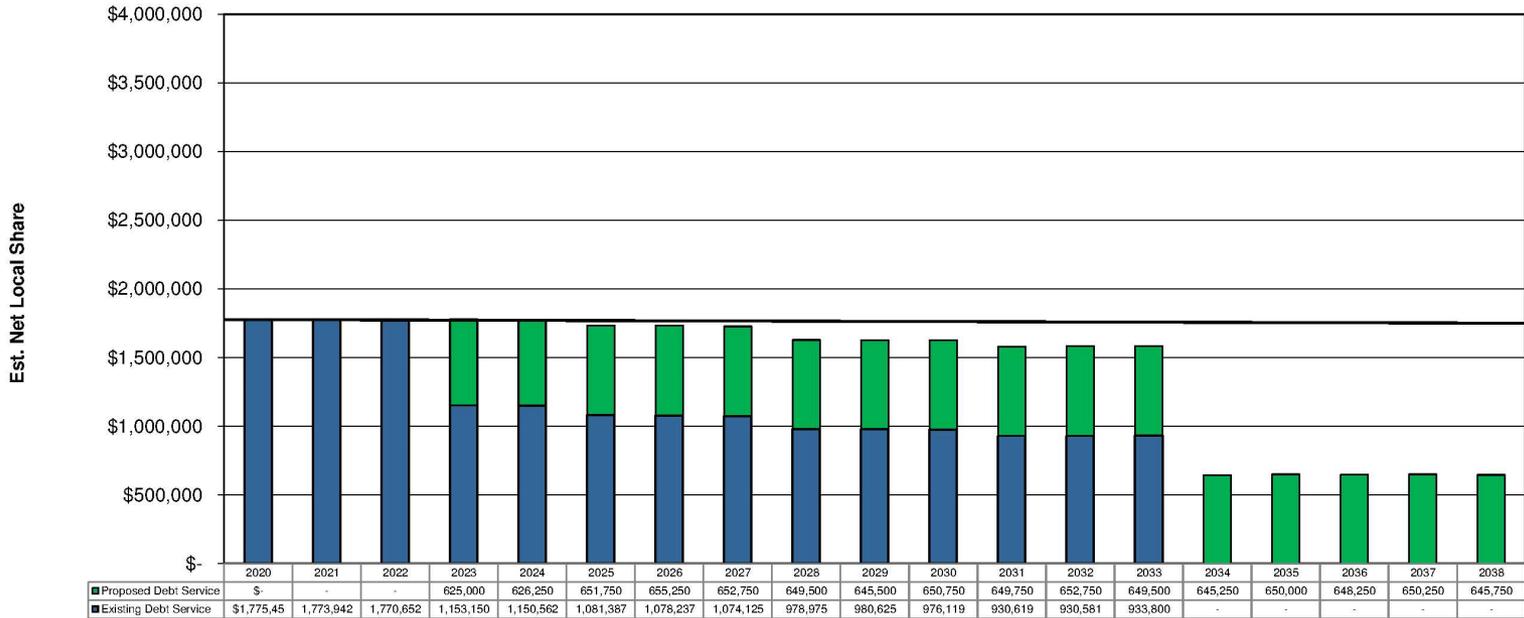
- New turf field including lighting, perimeter lighting, security fence, ball stop netting, score board and bleachers
- Four unisex toilets
- Improvements to Tompkins Field including improved drainage, regraded playing surface and repairs to the running track
- Because repairs to Tompkins field will take a field out of service, this work will follow construction on the new field.



Why now

\$7,000,000 Capital Project

North Salem Central School District
Existing and Proposed Building Debt Service



Fiscal Year Ending June 30

- We are retiring debt
- Because we are replacing existing debt, the out of pocket cost to taxpayers is negligible

Tax implications

- Currently 4% of the budget is debt service. Because we are retiring debt, this will remain the same
- Homeowners can estimate their contribution by calculating .28 per \$1,000 of their full value assessment
- A household with a \$400,000 school tax assessment will be contributing \$112 of their annual taxes toward this project. This replaces – and does not add to – current contribution to capital projects
- In North Salem over 70% of tax-payers would contribute less than \$150 per year
- Due to state formulas funds cannot be redirected from capital projects without overriding the tax cap
- The Board and Administration have always strived to keep our spending under the cap as a good faith sign to the community