A new synthetic turf field is a big deal for a community, and can do a lot of good for the health, wellness and morale of our youth. In this particular case, the field I am referring to is a state-of-the-art amenity that will help to develop football and health and wellness programs in a neighborhood that has been clamoring for exactly this sort of project. The City of Buffalo has just announced that it is allocating $400,000 towards a $2.5 million public-private plan that will see a new multi-purpose, synthetic turf field at Mulroy Park in South Buffalo. "It is important to continue to revitalize playing fields throughout the City of Buffalo as a way to help our children stay healthy and active," said Mayor Brown. "The allocation of $400,000 in capital funds will allow the construction of Pierce Field at Mulroy Park to begin, resulting in a new synthetic turf field. This field, one element of a $2.5 million plan, will not only bring life back to this park, but have a direct impact on South Buffalo families, giving young athletes a safe and modern place to play."

Along with financial support from The City, additional funds came in the form of a $200,000 grant, awarded from the Buffalo Bills, the NFL Youth Football Fund and Local initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) to the Buffalo Legacy Project. "Pierce Field at Mulroy Park is a transformational public and private venture that will create a lasting impact on youth sports," said State Assemblyman Kearns. "South Buffalo's long and vibrant history of youth athletics will continue with a modern, multipurpose field for football, lacrosse and soccer. The investment by Mayor Brown and the City of Buffalo will add vitality to the neighborhood and promote health and wellness for over 2,000 children next summer."

The project, located at 890 Tifft Street (at South Park), is slated to begin in December, with a completion date as early as 2014.