

City Investment In New Athletic Field In South Buffalo

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City allocation of \$400,000 in capital funds enables the start of construction on a \$2.5 million public-private plan to install a new synthetic turf field at Mulroy Park

November 15, 2012-BUFFALO– City of Buffalo children and families will soon have a new, state-of-the-art multi-purpose athletic field. Today, Mayor Byron Brown, joined by Deputy Commissioner of Parks Andrew Rabb, State Assemblyman Michael Kearns, and South District Councilman Christopher Scanlon, announced a \$400,000 investment via capital funds for Pierce Field at Mulroy Park, enabling construction to begin on the future site of a new, modern synthetic turf field in South Buffalo. The \$2.5 million public-private plan also calls for a multi-purpose recreation and community facility featuring football and health and wellness programs.



"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."

Northeast Diversification has been awarded the \$400,000 contract for site development, grading, utility and concrete work in preparation for the installation of the new synthetic turf field. A \$200,000 grant award from the Buffalo Bills, the NFL Youth Football Fund and Local initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) to the Buffalo Legacy Project, as well as additional private funding, will be used to fund the new turf field.

"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."

South District Councilman Scanlon stated, "Pierce Field at Mulroy Park is a tremendous addition to the recreational facilities of South Buffalo, a community with such a deep athletic tradition. We now have a state of the art complex for the athletes of our community to utilize. I want to thank Mayor Brown, The Buffalo Legacy Project and everyone else who played a part in this project coming to fruition."

Weather-permitting, the first phase of construction is scheduled to begin in December, with completion of the new field anticipated in spring 2014.

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