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Jackson Township Announces Major Upgrades For Justice and Holman Athletic Complexes

*Township Invests \$2.9 Million in New Turf and Improvements for Athletic Fields;
Work Will Get Underway in June and Conclude by Summer's End*

JACKSON TOWNSHIP, N.J., April 25th – Jackson Township officials today announced plans for \$2.9 million in major upgrades and improvements for multiple athletic fields located at both the Jackson Justice Complex and the Holman Athletic Complex.

“Investments in our recreational facilities are investments in our families and in our kids,” said Jackson Township Mayor Michael Reina. “Here in Jackson, our sports complexes are very important to us. This is where we come together, as a community, to enjoy sports, competition and exercise. It’s here, on these fields, where we build a stronger, happier, safer and healthier community. These are just some of the reasons why investing in our children is so important to the township council and I.”



At the Jackson Justice Complex, located at 1 Jackson Drive, new synthetic turf will be installed on two baseball fields, a soccer field and the multipurpose / football field. At the baseball fields located at Justice, new dugout shade canopies will be installed, while protective netting will be installed at both the soccer and football fields. At the Holman Athletic Complex, located at 133 Manhattan Street, new synthetic turf and a protective netting system behind goal posts

will be installed at the multipurpose / football field. Many additional site enhancements – such as repairs or improvements to fencing, field stone regrading, concrete sidewalks, cleaning of the existing drainage infrastructure and the installation of new storage sheds – will also be made at both locations.

Removal of existing turf fields will get underway in June. The installation of new turf and all additional enhancements will be completed by the end of the summer. The overall initiative is the most comprehensive improvement effort undertaken at the township's Justice and Holman recreational facilities since the original turf fields were installed in 2007-2008.



Project work schedules have been coordinated to coincide with the end of certain sports seasons, while other sports activities that typically take place at Justice and Holman during the early summer will be held at other locations.

The township awarded two separate contracts, totaling \$2,898,413, to complete these major upgrades and additional improvements. The first contract, in the amount of \$2,055,913, was awarded to Shaw Sports Turf of Calhoun, GA. To identify and secure well-qualified turf vendors, the township worked through a state co-op, available to New Jersey municipalities, counties and schools, which consists of state-vetted and state-approved suppliers. The second contract for associated site work, in the amount of \$842,500, was awarded to LandTek Group, Inc. of Bay Shore, New York.

With the township overseeing the overall effort, the solicitation and bidding process was managed by T&M Associates, the township's engineering firm of record.

About Jackson Township

Jackson Township is a growing, suburban community that offers an ideal environment for families and businesses to grow and prosper. Covering over 100 square miles, Jackson Township is the fourth largest municipality, as measured by area, in the state of New Jersey, and is home to just 60,000 residents. The township boasts an excellent public school system and first-rate recreational facilities, including newly renovated parks and athletic fields. Situated in beautiful Ocean County, N.J., Jackson is located within a short drive from the Jersey Shore and about an hour's drive to New York City or Philadelphia. The township was incorporated in 1844. Visit Jackson Township's website at www.jacksontwpnj.net for more information.