

MORE THAN JUST GRASS

Field Management in Monmouth County Parks

Athletic Fields (14%)

- * Highest quality fields for intensive recreational use
- * Require frequent mowing, irrigation, fertilization, insect and disease control



Over 4000 Field Acres

Agricultural Fields (28%)

- * Preserve pastoral landscape, scenic views
- * Maintain a traditional economy and way of life
- * Generate lease income, reduce staff maintenance



Formal Turf Areas (12%)

- * Maintain the 'traditional' park landscape around park buildings and high use areas



Natural and Open Play Areas (46%)

- * Require little maintenance and gas, no water or fertilizer
- * Provide for recreation, education, and research
- * Add variety to the landscape



- * Increase native biological diversity
- * Provide wildlife habitat
- * Increase pollination of crops and wild plants
- * Control pests with natural predators



- * Cycle nutrients, purify water and air
- * Generate soils and prevent erosion
- * Recharge groundwater, control flooding

