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I have read that turf fields also need to be properly maintained. They need to be vacuumed and washed frequently if not daily during the times they are used. They need to be washed so that bodily fluids are not transferred from student to student. Imagine the cost if a student contracted a devastating infection from a field. In summer fields will need to be watered so as to keep down the increased temperatures generated at the fields - sometimes 20 and up degrees above the air temperature. Does this really save the city money?

Now let's think longer term. Do we want to live in a world that is covered with chemically produced artificial stuff whose long term effects are unknown? Can the robins find a worm or a bug in spring? Will children learn about the water cycle when they go outside after a rain? Will we ultimately have to play sports with masks on due to the dust? Etc.

I saw a good article on organic turf management - maybe that's a better answer as it encourages good root systems which will hold grass better during rainy times.