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## STC - Everett Field Proposal Comments

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Verona Shade Tree Commission  
Re: Everett Field Initial Proposed Project

The STC is very concerned about the present plan as presented. The amount of trees slated to be removed is substantial. We understand that the initial plan is being revised. Please send the Shade Tree Commission a copy of the newest plan as soon as it is available.

Concerns:

1. Removing all of the mature trees along Elmwood eliminates any shielding for the homes along there as well as removing steep slope protection and carbon sinks.
2. Removing so many trees behind the back stop and third base line, on the steep slope, is dangerous for runoff as well as eliminating the sequestration potential of all of those trees.
3. The trees along Westview and Bloomfield Avenue are not accurately depicted in the plans. This will surely lead to some along Westview being removed.
4. The Treasured Tree on the corner of Westview and Bloomfield Avenue could possibly be affected by the driveway coming out of the parking lot.

The Shade Tree commission makes the following recommendations:

1. Add additional trees along Elmwood to provide shading for the bleachers and slope protection.
2. Have a professional forester mark the dead and dying trees on the property. Remove these specimens.
3. Prune all the trees on the property.
4. Plant new trees where space is available on the steep slopes, around the playground and parking lot. The STC will assist in these decisions if requested.
5. Replace the tree at 16 Elmwood across the street from the field.
6. Improve the existing grass and clay surfaces as opposed to installing artificial turf.

Thank you for considering these concerns,  
Carol Thomas

Verona Shade Tree Commission Chair

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