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**SYNTHETIC TURF COMING TO WEST CHESTER BASEBALL COMPLEX, GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY
FRIDAY, MARCH 24**

Before the first pitch is thrown, two tournament-quality college-level baseball fields in West Chester will get new synthetic turf. West Chester Township has partnered with West Chester Baseball Partnership (WCBP) for installation of a synthetic playing surface on two of the four infields at West Chester Baseball Complex in Beckett Park.

The West Chester Baseball Complex will be the only facility in greater Cincinnati with two college-level synthetic baseball fields. The addition of synthetic turf infields is expected to improve the playing experience for youth baseball players and allow even more events throughout the year.

Crews from AstroTurf, a Texas-based company hired for the work, moved equipment to the fields last week in preparation for work to begin. AstroTurf's work includes the baseball field at Ohio State University. The project is expected to be complete by May 1.

In addition to the work on the large fields, West Chester Baseball Complex has also started construction on installing synthetic turf in the batter's box and pitching mounds of the two smaller fields. This will also improve the playing experience and lessen the number of games cancelled due to weather. Spectrum Lawn Care, a West Chester based company, will be doing that work which is expected to be ready for the spring season.

West Chester Township built the West Chester Baseball Complex in order to attract tournaments to the community; and later partnered with the West Chester Baseball Partnership to operate, manage and maintain the complex. The complex features four tournament-quality fields, a press box and concession area.

The successful programming of the West Chester Baseball Complex and MetroParks' Voice of American Park drives athletic tourism in the community bringing out-of-town visitors to West Chester's hotels, restaurants and more. The West Chester Baseball Complex was built with this positive impact to the local community in mind.

The Ground Breaking ceremony is scheduled to take place Friday, March 24th 3:00pm at the West Chester Baseball Complex, 8650 Union Centre Blvd, West Chester, Ohio. The project is expected to be completed by May 1.