



Mountain Brook Athletic Complex

Mountain Brook, Alabama, USA



Project Information

Project category:
Sports Facilities

Year of construction:
2020

Year of MAPEI involvement:
2020

MAPEI coordinator:
Lee Hefner

Project owner:
City of Mountain Brook, AL

MAPEI distributor:
FieldTurf

General contractor:
FieldTurf

Project manager:
Eric Rice

Photographer:
Lee Hefner

Project size:
166,863 sq. ft. (15 502 m²)



Project Overview

MAPEI's Sports Turf Products Team hits a home run in helping with the installation of artificial turf in a popular sports complex. The installation not only promotes safety and savings, it also capitalizes on the downtime afforded by the COVID-19 virus and the closure of public parks. When the teams return to the field, they will do so in comfort and safety, thanks to their city and to MAPEI.



Products Used

Ultrabond® Turf PU 1K

Ultrabond Turf Tape

Ultrabond Turf Glue Box



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MAPEI sports turf products take the field(s) in Mountain Brook

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, the city of Mountain Brook, Alabama, experienced a spike in the population of school-aged children. The town did not have adequate space to accommodate the growing recreational programs that the children required. As an answer, the Mountain Brook City Council partnered with the Board of Education as well as the town's youth association and soccer association to initiate a 25-year lease agreement to build an athletic complex on the Mountain Brook High School and Junior High School campuses.

The resulting extensive athletic complex includes six baseball/softball fields, three soccer fields, six tennis courts, a children's playground, a concession stand and restroom facilities.

Not surprisingly, the athletic complex is a source of civic pride for the town and not something that they would ever allow to fall into disrepair.

Maintaining the fields in pristine condition is a matter of safety as well as civic pride. However, constantly fertilizing, watering and mowing the grass, as well as dragging the infields or painting and chalking the base lines, became a time-consuming and costly endeavor. The city decided to look for a long-lasting solution. Mountain Brook wanted to replace the natural grass on the baseball and softball fields with a durable, artificial solution that also looks attractive and feels natural. Enter MAPEI's Sports Turf Products Team.

MAPEI on the job

Working with FieldTurf Contracting, MAPEI was awarded the contract to install five fields of turf. "We ended up installing the turf on the baseball field, the softball fields, and they added a practice field," explained MAPEI sales representative Lee Hefner.

The downtime in the sports play afforded by COVID-19 was the perfect time for the field upgrades.

A crew of seven worked for three-and-a-half weeks to remove the grass and install 166,863 square feet (15 502 m²) of artificial turf using MAPEI products. "We used **Ultrabond Turf PU 1K**, **Ultrabond Turf Tape** and the **Ultrabond Turf Glue Box** to seam all of the colored inlays and joints together," Hefner continued.

Not only does this project highlight the forward-thinking nature of the Mountain Brook City Council, but according to Hefner, this project also shows the versatility in MAPEI's *Ultrabond* sports turf installation products. "The products can be used for other sports besides football and soccer," he stated. "There is a growing trend in installing artificial turf for the baseball and softball stadiums because of the turf's easy upkeep properties. Now, when it comes to their athletic complex, the City of Mountain Brook does not have to worry about cutting the grass, fertilizing, watering, dragging the infields or painting and chalking lines."

This project sounds like a home run to us.



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