



## WHO WE ARE.

### **Maryland Turfgrass Council:**

The **Maryland Turfgrass Council (MTC)** is a *non-profit organization* dedicated to the improvement of the turfgrass industry in the State of Maryland. Over the years, the Council has grown in membership and steadily increased the scope of its activities.

**1,500 +**

**Current Active  
MTC Members**

MTC was organized in 1972 as a way for people who worked in different segments of the turfgrass industry to pool their talents and improve turfgrass research and education in Maryland. It was incorporated as a non-profit corporation in 1977 and is governed by a Constitution and By-laws through its Officers and Board of Directors.

### **Mid-Atlantic Sports Field Management Association:**

**MAFMA** is a *non-profit* organization, comprised of scientific advisors from the region's land grant universities, industry supporters, and members of the National Sports Turf Management Association (SFMA).

Their members manage the sports fields of schools, universities, and parks and recreation departments, as well as those used by professional teams throughout Maryland, Delaware, Washington D.C. and Northern Virginia. MASTMA offers members the opportunity to meet regularly to earn continuing education credits, advocate on behalf of the industry, discuss and develop athletic field programs, and share expertise to best serve athletes at all levels.

## **BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP)**

The research-based BMP guidelines serve a dual purpose of providing guidance and the regulatory framework for industry professionals, while protecting and preserving water sources, improve turfgrass management, and enhance landscaped areas using the latest advances in turfgrass science.

Essentially, BMPs provide a sustainable approach to offering environmental, economic, and social benefits.

Most importantly, the BMP, substantiates that we are responsible licensed professionals who already adhere to regulation and licensing for pesticides and fertilizer.

## SHARING A COMMON GOAL IN ANNAPOLIS.

In recent years, misinformation about the turf industries have resulted in restrictions and bans that prevent the implementation of known best practices without accomplishing their intended outcome – environmental and sustainable protections. Both MTC and MAFMA advocate for professionalism in turf management and safety through education, innovation, mentoring, and networking.

### **This Session, MTC and MAFMA Are Advocating To:**

- (1) **Promote the science, technology, professional practice and the improvement of turfgrass production, management, research, and education across the state; and**
- (2) **Advise the Maryland General Assembly that the BMP serves as a roadmap for conduct in accordance with state and local regulations and environmental stewardship and has been adopted by the National Sports Field Management Association (SFMA).**