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# JOHN MASCARO'S PHOTO QUIZ

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*Can you identify this sports turf problem?*

**Problem:** Helicopter hovering over field after heavy rainfall

**Turfgrass area:** Private High School

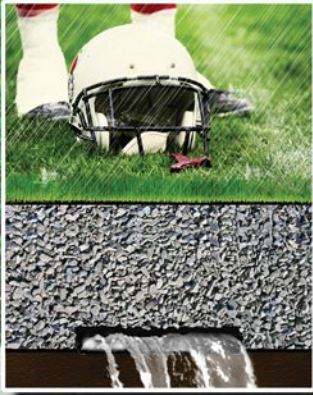
**Location:** Dedham, Massachusetts

**Grass Variety:** 50% Bluegrass/50% Ryegrass

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## 70% INFLOW RATE

## WATER MUST ENTER TO EVER EXIT!



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Although at first glance, it might appear that the helicopter is trying to dry out this field after heavy spring rains. Upon closer inspection, you can see large hoppers on the sides of the helicopter. This was sold to me on Facebook as a new way to apply fertilizer to waterlogged fields. I have actually heard of helicopters being used as a fertilization technique so I have to admit, I bit on the fertilizer premise, hook line and sinker.

As it turns out, this is not a field drying technique or a fertilization delivery method, the helicopters were part of the Northeast Mosquito Control Association. They were using these athletic fields as staging areas to fill the hoppers with a bio-control agent and then spreading it in the nearby wetlands to control mosquitos after the heavy rains. This adds a new dimension to "multi-use fields" as they used the fields as a fueling station and loading zone to apply the material. They ran probably eight "missions" that day that included two helicopters, one fuel truck and one truck with product. The fields were no worse for wear when they were finished.

*Photos and comments by Peter Thibeault CSFM, Sports Turf Manager at Noble and Greenough School, Dedham, MA.*

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