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Before starting this project, I explained what could be done to get the field ready for the fall season, and that it could be accomplished in 70 days. One administrator objected and insisted it couldn't be done. Why? He replied that a golf course superintendent told him it couldn't. I explained my proposal had been researched and sports fields use different grasses than golf courses. I explained the fundamentals and a few intricacies. In this case, my proposal was approved, and the duration of the project was June 23 to August 25 (63 days). The field was delivered on time, and we proved it could be done. Furthermore, I applied cutting edge research to the problem at hand.

See the article; the 20% part of growing grass was easy; turfgrass fundamentals, on-site data and implementing cutting edge research.

It was the 80% to get the approval that was the most challenging. Everyone in the conversation had a different opinion starting out and over a 6-week time frame, with continued conversation, the project received approval. That 80% was working with everybody to view the "grass situation" differently. The school ended up getting the product they wanted, they were pleased, especially the athletic director, and we all moved into a "New Dimension" after it was completed.

Today, NDT is involved with everything in turfgrass; residential lawn care to research to consulting about the best construction and management approaches for sports fields and golf courses. Within this gamut, we have been educating homeowners to decision makers about the fundamentals (and intricacies if they have a burning desire) of turfgrass and soil science, and the most effective and efficient way to implement them. I have been blessed to have worked with extraordinary people on projects geared toward low maintenance sports fields to the 1994 World Cup with portable turfgrass inside the Pontiac Silverdome. And just recently my company was the architect and project manager for the new practice field for the Buffalo Bills. I am grateful for the turfgrass background that allows me to have this business and look forward to growing it. I'm here to help.

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