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Sports Field Lighting Upgrades to Result in Cost and Energy Savings

North Kingstown, RI — The Town of North Kingstown Department of Public Works has worked extensively with Rhode Island Energy to include the McGinn Park Football Field and Ryan Park Men's and Women's Baseball Fields in an On-Bill Repayment (OBR) Program. This program will result in significant energy and cost savings with the conversion of existing lights to LED fixtures for those highly utilized community recreation sites.

RI Energy's OBR program will allow the Town of North Kingstown to install the new LED fixtures with zero up-front cost with repayment included in monthly bills with zero interest over five years. "Not reflected in the cost of the lighting upgrades for these facilities," says Town Manager A. Ralph Mollis, "is the energy savings that LED upgrades provide, as well as the consistent revenue to the Recreation Department that reliable lighting offers."

McGinn and Ryan Park fields are regularly rented for adult and youth leagues and organizations for seasonal activities, but "existing lighting fixtures are dated with several fixture housings starting to fail," says Adam White, Director of Public Works, "The result is that practices and games have had to be canceled when the lights are inoperable."

Recently, the stadium at North Kingstown High School was approved in the RI Energy OBR program. It is a successful example of a recreational LED conversion project.

Please contact Kate Glass, Executive Assistant, at kglass@northkingstownri.gov with any questions.

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