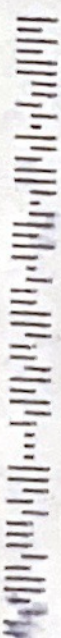


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OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
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July 28, 2026

[REDACTED]

RE: FOIL Request 2025266198

[REDACTED]

I am writing about FOIL Request 2025266198 and related correspondence, most recently received by the Office of the City Manager on July 20, 2026, via email. In preparing this correspondence, I reviewed all relevant documents for the purpose of completeness and to promote transparency. To that end, here is a chronological summary of what has transpired around the aforementioned request:

- On June 24, 2026, the Office of the City Manager received your June 10, 2026, letter appealing the aforementioned FOIL request as a "Constructive Denial / Failure to Respond." (**Attachment 1**)
- On June 26, 2026, the City of Ithaca processed your FOIL request and sent you an email from foil@cityofithaca.org to [REDACTED] sharing hyperlinks of publicly available documents. This email inadvertently did not contain seven (7) items, due to a technical error. (**Attachment 2**)
- On June 26, 2026, having been informed that the responsive request was closed, the Office of the City Manager sent a letter, dated that same day, indicating that the June 24, 2026, FOIL appeal was moot because the records had been granted. (**Attachment 3**)
- On June 29, 2026, the City Attorney's Office observed that documents it had lined up for distribution with your June 26, 2026, email were not processed due to a technical error. On that date, at 10:03 AM, foil@cityofithaca.org emailed you [REDACTED] with a hyperlink to a folder containing seven (7) items. (**Attachment 4**)
- On July 2, 2026, the Office of the City Manager received your June 27, 2026, letter appealing its June 26, 2026, email. Because this letter and the corrective email crossed paths, the City considered the matter completed. (**Attachment 5**)
- On July 20, 2026, you emailed citymanager@cityofithaca.org, indicating that you had "not received a determination of [your] second FOIL appeal by email or mail," and requesting, "If the City contends that it issued a timely appeal determination, please provide it electronically immediately and identify the date and method of transmission." (**Attachment 6**)

In sum, then, the City transmitted all relevant records to FOIL 2025266198 on June 26, and June 29, 2026, transmitted between Attachments 2 and 4.

The City responded to FOIL Appeal related to FOIL 2025266198 on June 26, 2026, in writing. See Attachment 3.

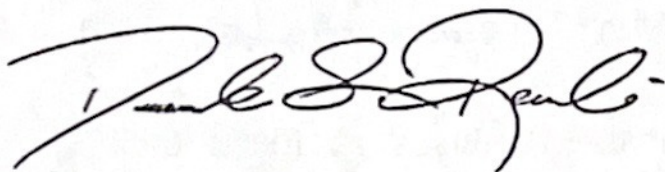
Your appeal referenced in Attachment 5 was not procedurally accurate: As written in Attachment 3,

Please be advised that if you wish to challenge this decision, you have the right to commence proceedings pursuant to Article 78 of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules in State Supreme Court. The City reserves all rights and defenses in connection with any such proceeding. Additionally, as records were redacted or withheld in the supplemental response provided to you by the City, you have the right to appeal that determination to my office in accordance with the City of Ithaca's FOIL procedure. Information regarding that procedure may be accessed here:

<https://www.cityofithaca.org/182/Freedom-of-Information-Law-Requests>.

Attachment 5 appears to be a second appeal of your first FOIL request and repeats what you requested in your first FOIL request. The City has provided all relevant documents it maintains related to this project. It has also responded to the FOIL Appeal received. As such, there are no further obligations under New York Public Officers Law related to FOIL 2025266198.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dominick Recckio", with a stylized, cursive script.

Dominick Recckio

Encl.

cc: Alan Karasin, Records Access Officer

June 10, 2026

Acting City Manager Dominick Recckio

City of Ithaca

108 East Green Street

Ithaca, NY 14850

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Re: FOIL Appeal - Constructive Denial / Failure to Respond

FOIL Request ID 2025266198

Meinig Fieldhouse Synthetic Turf Project

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Dear City Manager:

I am appealing the City's constructive denial of my FOIL request, ID 2025266198, submitted on October 11, 2025, concerning the Meinig Fieldhouse synthetic turf project.

My request sought records for both the indoor and outdoor synthetic turf fields, including:

1. All PFAS testing results, including any total fluorine testing, EPA Method 1633 testing, or other test methods for turf materials used in the Meinig Fieldhouse project;
2. Documentation identifying the turf manufacturer, brand, and model installed or proposed for both indoor and outdoor fields; and
3. Any reports, correspondence, or submittals from Cornell University or its contractors regarding PFAS content or testing of the turf used in this project.

The City acknowledged the request on October 11, 2025. The City then sent repeated extensions on November 6, 2025, December 7, 2025, and February 4, 2026. The February 4, 2026 message stated that the City would "provide responsive records or give an updated time frame for providing records on or before April 7, 2026."

The City did neither. I received no responsive records, no written denial, no claimed statutory exemption, and no updated time frame on or before April 7, 2026.

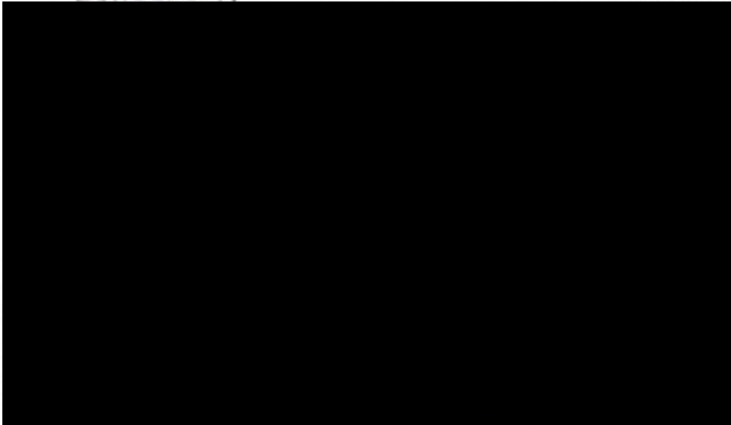
This appeal is therefore based on the City's failure to respond by its own stated deadline and its ongoing constructive denial of access to the requested records.

The requested records are of immediate public importance. Cornell has already proceeded with installation of the synthetic turf fields, yet the public still has not been provided basic records identifying the turf products installed, the testing methods used, the components tested, the chain of custody, or the underlying PFAS and fluorine testing records. These are not speculative or abstract records. If the fields were approved, procured, tested, delivered, and installed, the City should have responsive records in its project file, including records submitted by Cornell or its contractors during review, approval, construction, or compliance.

I respectfully request that the City promptly grant this appeal and provide all responsive records without further delay. If the City withholds any records, please identify each withheld or redacted record and provide the specific statutory basis for withholding or redaction.

Please also forward this appeal and the City's determination to the New York State Committee on Open Government as required by FOIL. A copy of this appeal is being sent to the Committee on Open Government as well.

Sincerely,



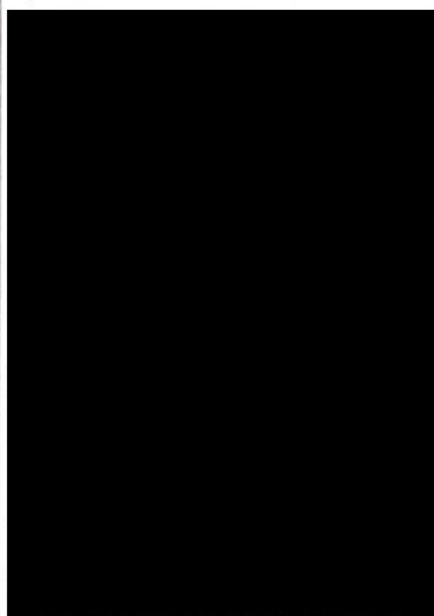
FOIL Request



Organization (*)



Your Email address *



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Representing (e.g. Self) (*)

Self

Upon whose behalf are you making this request?

FOIL Request

Information Requested * (?)

To
Records Access Officer
City of Ithaca

Re: FOIL Request – PFAS Testing and Turf Product Information for Meinig Fieldhouse Project

Dear Records Access Officer,

Pursuant to the New York Freedom of Information Law (Public Officers Law, Article 6), I respectfully request access to and copies of records relating to the Meinig Fieldhouse synthetic turf project, both indoor and outdoor fields. Specifically, I request:

All PFAS test results (including any Total Fluorine test, EPA Method 1633 or other test methods) for turf materials used in the Meinig Fieldhouse project.

Documentation identifying the turf manufacturer(s), brand(s), and model(s) installed or proposed for both indoor and outdoor fields.

Any reports, correspondence, or submittals from Cornell University or its contractors regarding PFAS content or testing of the turf used in this project.

I request that these records be provided as PDF files sent via email to [your email]. If any portion of this request is denied, please provide the reason for the denial in writing, citing the specific statutory exemption(s).

Thank you for your assistance.



Please be specific and include dates, name, etc.

Failure to fill out this form completely may impede the City's ability to respond to your request.

Signature *



From: Attorney FOIL <attorney@cityofchicago.org>

As the City continues to work through staff constraints and a significant overall volume of FOIL requests, please be advised that we are still in the process of reviewing your request and any responsive records that have been identified. We endeavor to provide responsive records or give you an updated time frame for providing records on or before April 7, 2025.

Sincerely,

City Attorney's Office

To: attorney@cityofchicago.org
Subject: FW: FOIL Request Received - ID 2025266198

As the City continues to work through staff constraints and a significant overall volume of FOIL requests, please be advised that we are still in the process of reviewing your request and any responsive records that have been identified. We endeavor to provide responsive records or give you an updated time frame for providing records on or before January 6, 2026.

Sincerely,

City Attorney's Office

To: attorney@cityofchicago.org
Subject: FW: FOIL Request Received - ID 2025266198

As the City continues to work through staff constraints and a significant overall volume of FOIL requests, please be advised that we are still in the process of reviewing your request and any responsive records that have been identified. We endeavor to provide responsive records or give you an updated time frame for providing records on or before December 5, 2025.

Sincerely,

City Attorney's Office

Subject: FW: FOIL Request Received - ID 2025266198

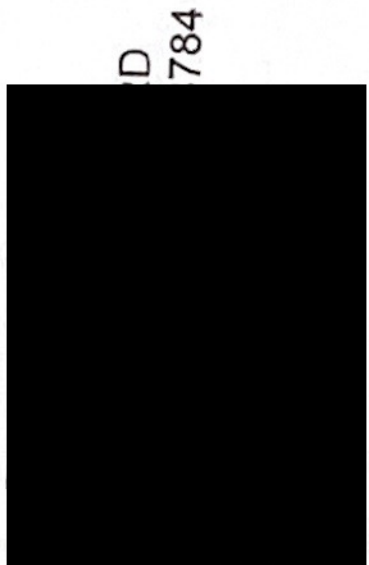
We received your request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL). Please note that this e-mail constitutes acknowledgment of your request under Public Officers Law Section 86(2)(g).

You will receive a response that your FOIL request has been granted or denied on approximately 11/6/2025; however, very often requests may be fulfilled in a shorter time frame.

If your request is granted and the records are available electronically, you may be charged \$.25 per page or the cost of preparing the records and they will be sent to you electronically. If we do not have the records electronically, we will make the paper copies available to you at a charge of \$.25 per page.

For your convenience, you may now submit FOIL requests online: <http://www.cityofchicago.org/311/Freedom-of-Information-Law-Requests>

If you wish to contact us about this request, please call the City Attorney's Office at 607-274-0504, or email attorney@cityofchicago.org. Please refer to FOIL 2025266198.



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Dominick Recckio
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Public Hearing

From:

FOIA

To:

Public Hearing, 2015-01-26, 10:00 AM

Re:

FOIA Request

Subject:

ATTACHMENT 2

Dear Mr. [Name Redacted]:

I have received your request for information. The requested information is being reviewed and a response will be provided to you as soon as possible.

The requested information is being reviewed. Please note that your request is being reviewed and a response will be provided to you as soon as possible.

Please be advised that the current status of your request will only be available on the City's website here: <http://www.cityofchicago.org/DocumentCenter/View/1047>

Meeting minutes can be found on the City's website here: <http://www.cityofchicago.org/DocumentCenter/View/1047>

In addition, the information you are requesting is available on the following website: <http://www.cityofchicago.org/DocumentCenter/View/1047>

I have sent you a copy of the information you requested.

If you wish to appeal a FOIA decision, you may do so by writing to the City of Chicago, 121 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601. Please be advised that the City of Chicago does not accept appeals of FOIA decisions. The City of Chicago does not accept appeals of FOIA decisions.

Please refer to FOIA, 2015-01-26, 10:00 AM, if you appeal or about this request.

Jody Andrew

From: FOIL
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2026 4:26 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Your FOIL Request has been granted - ID 2025266198

Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that your FOIL request has been granted. The requested information is attached. Please note: each attachment will arrive in a different email message.

The standard reproduction fee has been waived. Please note that you may receive additional e-mail message(s) with attachments containing the record you requested.

Please be advised that to the extent records responsive to your request exist, they would be available on the City's website here: <https://www.cityofithaca.org/DocumentCenter/Index/1647>

Meeting minutes can be found on the City's website here: https://cityofithaca-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/cmuskin_cityofithaca_org/IQDCBUnUQfFoRp9P2849Fz13AT9sqMqEuwPksY47sS3BWAQ

In addition, the referenced public hearing is available online at the following location: <https://www.youtube.com/live/-BwHQB6DYul>

Please note: You will receive a total of 0 email message(s) with attachments.

If you wish to appeal a FOIL decision, you may do so in writing to the City Manager within thirty (30) days at 108 East Green Street, Ithaca, New York 14850. Please be advised that the City accepts FOIL appeals in hard copy only, delivered to the City Manager's office in person or regular mail, and will not process appeals sent via email.

Please refer to FOIL 2025266198 if you contact us about this request.



June 14, 2023

ATTACHMENT 3

Steven Driscoll
120 Village View Rd.
Ithaca, NY 14850

APPEAL

City FOI Record No. 2023-00138

Dear Mr. Driscoll:

I am in receipt of your letter, dated June 10, 2023, and received by my office on June 14, 2023, regarding the City's response to your City of Ithaca Freedom of Information Law ("FOI") request. You requested, "All FOI records that include any legal documents, contracts, or other records that are used in the Mayor's Fieldwork report. Documentation identifying the record number(s), date(s) and location(s) of the record(s) that are used in the report." In your appeal, you requested that the City fulfill its response to your FOI request within the stated time. The City acknowledges that it did not meet the deadline for your appeal. It is my understanding that your request for records was not fully processed by the City as of the date of this letter.

Based on my review of your request, the City's response, your appeal, and the update that the records have been separately provided to you, I find that your appeal of the City's response is moot.

As required by § 87(4)(g) of the New York Public Access Law and § 254-B of the City of Ithaca Code, a copy of your appeal, as well as a copy of this decision, are being submitted concurrently to the New York State Commission on Open Government.

Please be advised that if you wish to challenge this decision, you have the right to seek review of this decision by Article 78 of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules in the Supreme Court. The City waives all rights of defense in connection with an Article 78 proceeding. Additionally, as records were redacted or withheld in the supplemental response provided to you by the City, you have the right to appeal that determination to my



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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Dominick Recckio Acting City Manager
www.cityofithaca.ny.gov

June 26, 2026

[REDACTED]
d.
Ithaca, NY 14850

APPEAL

City FOIL Record No. 2025-266198

[REDACTED]

I am in receipt of your letter, dated June 10, 2026, and received by my office on June 24, 2026, appealing the City's response to your October 11, 2025, Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") request. You requested, "All PFAS test results (including any Total Fluorine test, EPA Method 1633 or other test methods) for turf materials used in the Meinig Fieldhouse project. Documentation identifying the turf manufacturer(s), brand(s), and model(s) installed or proposed for both indoor and outdoor fields." In your appeal you objected to the City failing to respond to your FOIL request within the allotted time. The City acknowledges that it sent several updates to you indicating that your FOIL would be granted at a later date, but that it failed to respond within the most recently extended deadline. It is my understanding that responsive records to your request have been sent to you as of the date of this letter.

Based on my review of your request, the City's response, your appeal, and the update that the responsive records have been separately provided to you, I find that your appeal of the constructive denial is moot.

As required by § 89(4)(a) of the New York Public Officers Law and § 256-6 of the City of Ithaca Code, a copy of your appeal, as well as a copy of this decision, are being submitted concurrently to the New York State Committee on Open Government.

Please be advised that if you wish to challenge this decision, you have the right to commence proceedings pursuant to Article 78 of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules in State Supreme Court. The City reserves all rights and defenses in connection with any such proceeding. Additionally, as records were redacted or withheld in the supplemental response provided to you by the City, you have the right to appeal that determination to my



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office in accordance with the City of Ithaca's FOIL procedure. Information regarding that procedure may be accessed here:

<https://www.cityofithaca.org/182/Freedom-of-Information-Law-Requests>.

Sincerely,

Dominick Recckio
Acting City Manager

Emily Anderson

To: Attorney, P.C.
From: Emily Anderson
Re: [REDACTED]

ATTACHMENT 4

Subject: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

Please be advised that the records requested by your FOIA request have been provided in the attached format. These records can be located here:

[REDACTED]

Please be advised that City records are posted to the extent that they exist.

If you wish to request a FOIA document, you may do so in writing to the City Manager, 1001 Main Street, Kansas, New York 10001. Please be advised that the City accepts FOIA requests on business days, delivered to the City Manager's office in person or regular mail, and will not process requests received on weekends.

Please refer to FOIA 2022358158.8, presented by [REDACTED] for this request.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2026 4:35 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Your FOIA request for [REDACTED] - 2022-358158.8

Dear [REDACTED]:

Please be advised that your FOIA request has been granted. The requested information is attached. Please note that attachments will come in a different email message.

The City's public information law has been updated. Please note that you may request information under the new law, which is effective on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Please be advised that the records requested by your FOIA request have been provided in the attached format. These records can be located here:

Please be advised that City records are posted to the extent that they exist. If you wish to request a FOIA document, you may do so in writing to the City Manager, 1001 Main Street, Kansas, New York 10001. Please be advised that the City accepts FOIA requests on business days, delivered to the City Manager's office in person or regular mail, and will not process requests received on weekends.

Jody Andrew

From: Attorney FOIL
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2026 10:03 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Your FOIL Request has been granted - ID 2025266198
Attachments: PBED - Planning_23-1130 - Cornell ISRC - Site Plan Progress Print.pdf; PBED - Planning_23-1201 - Cornell ISRC - L-Series Plans - Draft Permit Set.pdf

[REDACTED]

Please be advised that the records responsive to your FOIL request were not provided in the email of last week, in error. These records can be accessed here:

[\[REDACTED\] 2025266198 responsive records](#)

Please be advised that City records are granted to the extent that they exist.

If you wish to appeal a FOIL decision, you may do so in writing to the City Manager within thirty (30) days at 108 East Green Street, Ithaca, New York 14850. Please be advised that the City accepts FOIL appeals in hard copy only, delivered to the City Manager's office in person or regular mail, and will not process appeals sent via email.

Please refer to FOIL 2025266198 if you contact us about this request.

From: FOIL <foil@cityofithaca.org>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2026 4:26 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Your FOIL Request has been granted - ID 2025266198

[REDACTED]

Please be advised that your FOIL request has been granted. The requested information is attached. Please note: each attachment will arrive in a different email message.

The standard reproduction fee has been waived. Please note that you may receive additional e-mail message(s) with attachments containing the record you requested.

Please be advised that to the extent records responsive to your request exist, they would be available on the City's website here: <https://www.cityofithaca.org/DocumentCenter/Index/1647>

Meeting minutes can be found on the City's website here: https://cityofithaca-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/cmuskin_cityofithaca_org/IQDCBUUnUQfFoRp9P2849Fz13AT9sqMqE

June 27, 1978

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Director, Bureau of Air Quality Control
City of Los Angeles

ATTACHMENT 5

125 East Temple Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Public Hearing on June 26, 1978 regarding the proposed

LA 98-100-0000-0000-0000-0000

Major Freeway Interchange Study Project

Dear Acting City Manager/Engineer:

I am appealing the City's June 26, 1978 response to the City's June 20, 1978 letter.

The City's June 26 response states that my FCHL request has been granted. However, the City provided no evidence to support that I would receive a full and fair hearing. In fact, the City's response states that I would receive a full and fair hearing. This is not a fair hearing. The City's response is a denial of my request for a full and fair hearing. The City's response is a denial of my request for a full and fair hearing. The City's response is a denial of my request for a full and fair hearing.

My FCHL request should not be denied. I am requesting the City to provide a full and fair hearing. I am requesting the City to provide a full and fair hearing. I am requesting the City to provide a full and fair hearing.

1. All the following matters, including any and all other matters, FCHL, and all other matters, are being denied by the City. The City is denying my request for a full and fair hearing. The City is denying my request for a full and fair hearing. The City is denying my request for a full and fair hearing.
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June 27, 2026

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Dominick Recckio, Acting City Manager
City of Ithaca
108 East Green Street
Ithaca, NY 14850

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Re: FOIL Appeal from June 26, 2026 Inadequate Response
FOIL Request ID 2025266198
Meinig Fieldhouse Synthetic Turf Project

Dear Acting City Manager Recckio:

I am appealing the City's June 26, 2026 response to FOIL Request ID 2025266198.

The City's June 26 response states that my FOIL request "has been granted." However, the City provided no attachments and stated that I would receive "a total of 0 email message(s) with attachments." Instead, the City directed me to general Planning Board materials, meeting records, and a public hearing video. Those materials do not provide the records requested.

My FOIL request sought specific records concerning the synthetic turf fields for the Meinig Fieldhouse project, including:

1. All PFAS testing results, including any total fluorine testing, EPA Method 1633 testing, or other test methods for turf materials used in the Meinig Fieldhouse project;
2. Documentation identifying the turf manufacturer, brand, and model installed or proposed for both indoor and outdoor fields; and
3. Any reports, correspondence, or submittals from Cornell University or its contractors regarding PFAS content or testing of the turf used in this project.

The City's June 26 response does not provide the requested turf product identification, testing reports, testing methods, component-specific testing information, chain-of-custody documentation, or Cornell/contractor reports, correspondence, or submittals regarding PFAS content or testing.

Directing me to general public Planning Board materials does not satisfy the request where those materials do not contain the specific responsive records requested.

The requested records are especially significant because the Planning Board's approval appears to have relied on Cornell's representations that the synthetic turf would be tested for PFAS and/or would be PFAS-free. The request therefore seeks records directly related to the basis for that approval, including the product identification, testing method, components tested, laboratory reports, chain-of-custody documentation, and any Cornell or contractor submittals concerning PFAS content or testing. If the City has no such records, it should state that expressly after conducting a diligent search.

This is particularly important because the synthetic turf fields have now been installed. If the turf products were approved, procured, tested, delivered, and installed, responsive records should exist to the extent such records were submitted to or retained by the City during project review, approval, construction, or compliance.

I respectfully request that the City grant this appeal and provide the actual responsive records, including but not limited to:

1. The manufacturer, brand, model, product name, and system identification for the indoor synthetic turf field;
2. The manufacturer, brand, model, product name, and system identification for the outdoor synthetic turf field;
3. All PFAS, fluorine, or related chemical testing reports for the turf products or turf system components;
4. Records identifying which components of the turf system were tested, including but not limited to carpet fibers, backing, infill, shock pad, adhesives, coatings, drainage layers, underlayment, or other system components;
5. Records identifying the testing methods used, including total fluorine, extractable organic fluorine, EPA Method 1633, or any other method;
6. Chain-of-custody records, sample identification records, laboratory reports, certifications, manufacturer declarations, and related submittals;

7. Correspondence between the City, Cornell University, Cornell's consultants, contractors, suppliers, laboratories, or manufacturers concerning PFAS content, fluorine content, PFAS-free claims, testing, product selection, or turf system identification.

If the City's position is that it possesses no responsive records beyond the general public Planning Board materials linked in the June 26 response, please state that expressly in writing after conducting a diligent search.

If the City withholds or redacts any responsive records, please identify each withheld or redacted record and provide the specific statutory basis for withholding or redaction.

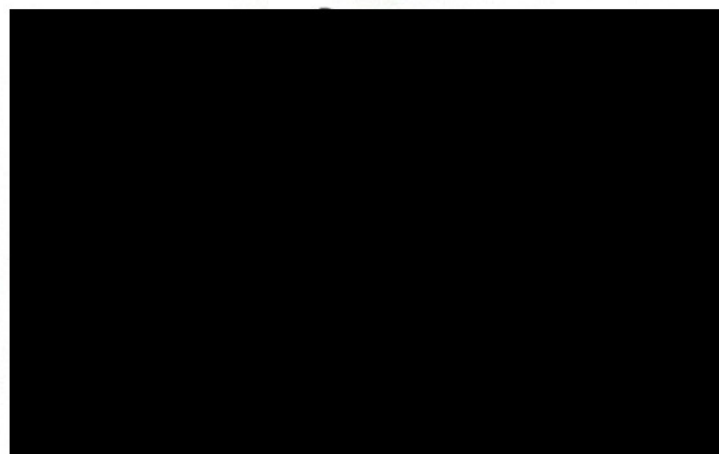
Please note that the City's June 26, 2026 email does not identify itself as a determination of my June 24, 2026 FOIL appeal. It appears to be a late response to the original FOIL request. I therefore continue to maintain that the City must issue a proper determination of my June 24, 2026 appeal within the time required by FOIL.

Because the June 26 response did not provide the records requested, I request that this appeal be treated as an appeal from an inadequate response and constructive partial denial of access.

I request that the City provide its determination and all responsive records in electronic format. Please send the response and records to my email address below.

Please also forward this appeal and the City's determination to the New York State Committee on Open Government as required by FOIL.

Sincerely,



ATTACHMENT 6

Christine Ibert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2026 12:26 PM
To: City Manager
Cc: Attorney FOIL
Subject: FOIL Request

Categories: Orange category, Red category

Dear Acting City Manager Recckio,

As of July 20, 2026, I have not received a determination of my second FOIL appeal by email or mail. I requested electronic transmission of the City's determination and responsive records.

If the City contends that it issued a timely appeal determination, please provide it electronically immediately and identify the date and method of transmission.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
FOIL Requester, ID 2025266198