

# City of Minneapolis

## Request for Committee Action

**To:** Health, Environment & Community Engagement  
**Date:** 2/27/2017  
**From:** City Coordinators Office  
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**Presented by:** Public Health Advisory Committee and Community Environmental Advisory Committee Members  
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**Subject:**

Recommendations on use of recycled tire mulch

**Description:**

1. Receiving and filing presentation on recommendations from the Public Health Advisory Committee and the Community Environmental Advisory Commission on recycled tire mulch use as ground cover on children's outdoor play areas in Minneapolis.
2. Passage of Resolution prohibiting the use of City funds for the installation or replacement of any facilities or amenities using waste tires and encouraging others to discontinue the use of waste tire materials as ground cover and infill in Minneapolis.
3. Directing Finance Department staff to work with Minneapolis Public Schools and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to identify the cost of the removal of waste tire mulch from existing facilities; directing Finance staff to identify possible sources of City funding that could be used to help and to bring forward a proposal to the City Council, consistent with City processes, for consideration no later than July 1, 2017. The proposal should specify whether partner organizations have taken formal action to prohibit further purchase and use of waste tire products.

**Previous Actions:**

[16-00949](#) HECE direction to advisory committees and staff.

October 29, 2008 PHAC recommendations and December 11, 2008 CEAC recommendations regarding recycled tires submitted to City Council.

**Background/Analysis:**

On June 20, 2016, the HECE committee requested that the Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC) and the Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC) study and make recommendations regarding the use of waste tires as ground cover in Minneapolis and report back to the Health, Environment and Community Engagement Committee in February of 2017.

In addition, staff from the Health Department and City Coordinator's Office were directed to work with the Committees to support their efforts to study and make recommendations regarding the use of recycled tires as ground cover in Minneapolis.

**Financial Review:**

**No financial impact.**

**Attachments:**

1. PHAC and CEAC Recommendations

2. Attachments A – G as named in recommendations
3. Map 1: MPS schools with playgrounds and percent of non-white students
4. Map 2: Amount of rubber tire playground materials per student (sq.ft.) by ward
5. PowerPoint presentation