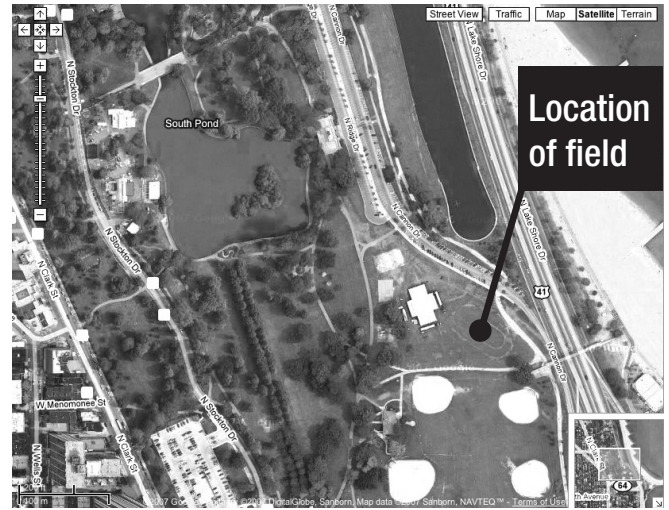


STOP The PRIVATIZATION Of LINCOLN PARK



A **private deal** made between the Chicago Park District and the Latin School **destroys green, community space** to install an **artificial turf** soccer field in **historic Lincoln Park**. The deal also gives virtually **exclusive, school-friendly, prime-time access** (and much more) to The Latin School, an elite **private school**, for the next 10-20 years.

We strongly oppose this land-grab for several reasons:

- **Privatization:** This deal effectively privatizes acres of Lincoln Park, a regional park – used by every Chicagoan, shutting out the citizens who have a civic right to use the park. And, it sets a precedent for other private institutions to take over public space for their own, exclusive needs.
- **Secrecy:** This deal was concluded in private and away from public scrutiny. In fact, a similar proposal in 2002 met with such public outcry that the plan was scrapped.
- **Advertising:** The Latin School has a right to sell advertising signage, which has never been allowed in Lincoln Park and which substantially changes the nature of park space.
- **Artificial Turf:** Synthetic turf can generate dangerous levels of heat and, simply, does not belong in beautiful, green, inspiring and historic Lincoln Park.
- **Poor Pricing:** The Park District and the people of Chicago get little out of this deal. The Latin School simply prepays usage fees it would pay were the Park District to build it. They pay what they would have anyway.
- **They Play. You Pay:** Taxpayers pay for lights to be installed (up to \$250,000), electricity for the lights, maintenance of the field, and, possibly full-time security.

We want the construction (and destruction) STOPPED immediately.

Committee to Keep Lincoln Park Public (CKLPP) – www.cklpp.org

Greater Lincoln Park Democracy for America – www.glpdfa.wordpress.com

CKLPP is a group of concerned neighbors who have come together around the impending privatization of a portion of Lincoln Park.

GLPDFA is a grassroots organization dedicated to progressive, transparent, and responsible government.

Act NOW. Construction has already begun.

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