



## Grass Roots: The Exhibit

A first-of-its-kind interactive outdoor exhibit at the National Arboretum will focus on new cultivars of turf developed through research programs—including the Arboretum’s—and science-based management of lawns and turf. The primary message of the exhibit is that the best lawns are developed and managed with their purposes in mind, whether those purposes are golf and other sports, linking landscape elements, conserving soil, assuring water retention, or simply beautiful landscapes. The exhibit will be thematically linked to gardens and displays throughout the Arboretum’s 446-acre grounds to support the message that turf and grasses are used for a wide range of functions in the environment, from soil and water retention, to activities, to aesthetic.

[Plans](#) are complete for the exhibit, and a [groundbreaking ceremony](#) took place on November 15, 2013.

[Click](#) to view the Turf Producers International *Turf News* January/February, 2014 article written by Lynn Grooms ([lgrooms@TurfGrassSod.org](mailto:lgrooms@TurfGrassSod.org)) about the November groundbreaking ceremony

[Click here](#) to view a recent article about the ‘Grass Roots’ exhibit in the Spring 2014 issue of the Professional Landcare Network’s “PLANET Advantage” magazine.

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