

# Memorial Field

State College Area School District  
State College Borough, Centre County, Pennsylvania



## Project Description:

State College High School Memorial Field construction commenced in 1927 and was completed in 1938 designed by John R. Bracken, RLA. The natural turf field was maintained until 2003 when a synthetic turf field was installed by a Citizen Group in cooperation with the School District and Board. As part of the turf upgrade infrastructure associated with the field was upgraded. The existing field was enclosed by a natural lime stone retaining wall. Portions of the wall were in such disrepair that replacement was required in conjunction with the turf installation.

ELA Group provided design and engineering services for the replacement of approximately 290 linear feet of retaining wall with an engineered poured in place wall with a true natural stone face to match existing stone material on-site. ELA work included enlarging the west endzone to accommodate maximum run-out length for both football and soccer. New access fairs, and an observation platform that incorporated the original field dedication bronze plaque and victory bell were incorporated into the retaining wall design.

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| Location:                | State College Memorial Field                                 |
| Project Start Date:      | June 2003  |
| Project Completion Date: | September 2003   |
| Construction Cost:       | \$425,000 (Retaining Wall)<br>\$ 1.6 Million (Total Project) |
| Field Area:              | 86,522 sf  |
| Surfacing:               | Hummer Sports Turf   |

