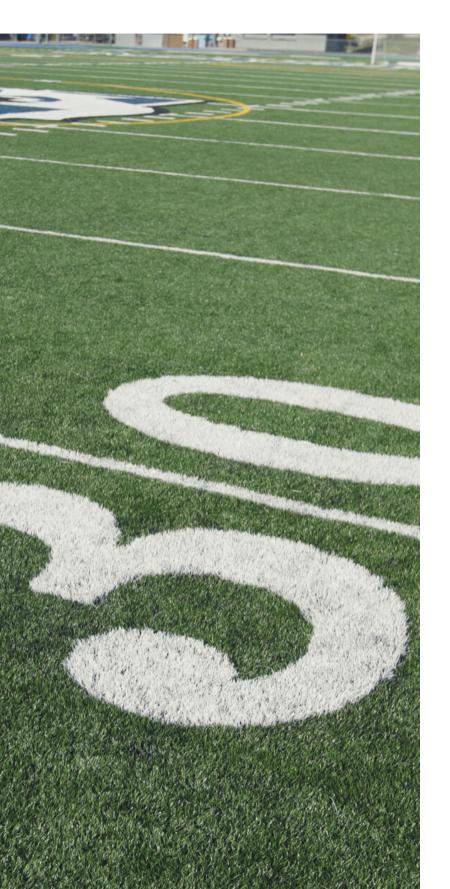
CARBON

SEQUESTRATION



COLLECTIVE AND
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RESPONSIBILITY...
TO PRESERVE AND
TEND TO THE
WORLD IN WHICH
WE ALL LIVE

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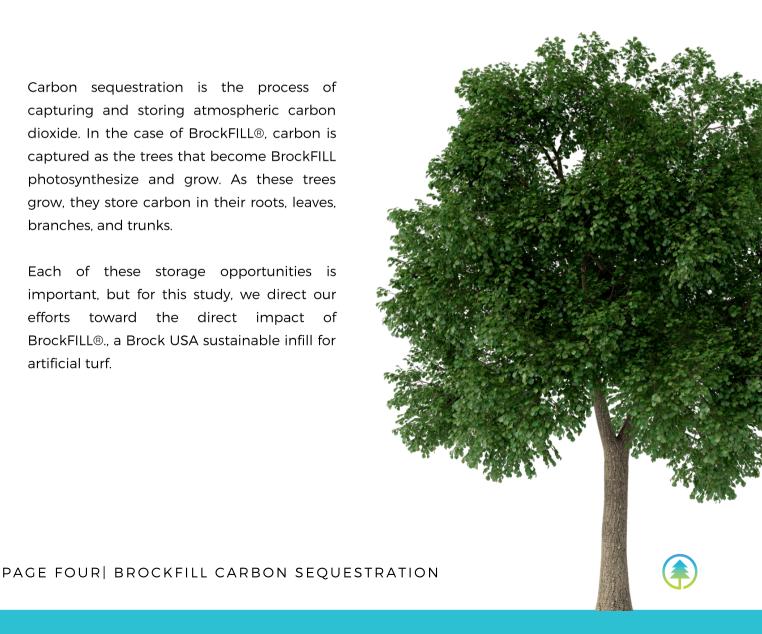
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WHATIS CARBON SEQUESTRATION?

Carbon sequestration is the process of capturing and storing atmospheric carbon dioxide. In the case of BrockFILL®, carbon is captured as the trees that become BrockFILL photosynthesize and grow. As these trees grow, they store carbon in their roots, leaves, branches, and trunks.

Each of these storage opportunities is important, but for this study, we direct our efforts toward the direct impact BrockFILL®.. a Brock USA sustainable infill for artificial turf



HOW MUCH CARBON

First, we consider the species of tree harvested to produce BrockFILL. Each species of tree processes carbon differently, and those differences must be considered.

DOES BROCKFILL CONTAIN?

Next, we need to know the actual weight of the wood used for each field installation. Research performed by independent universities and government agencies has established that the carbon content of the species of tree used for BrockFILL is approximately 50% of its biomass1,2



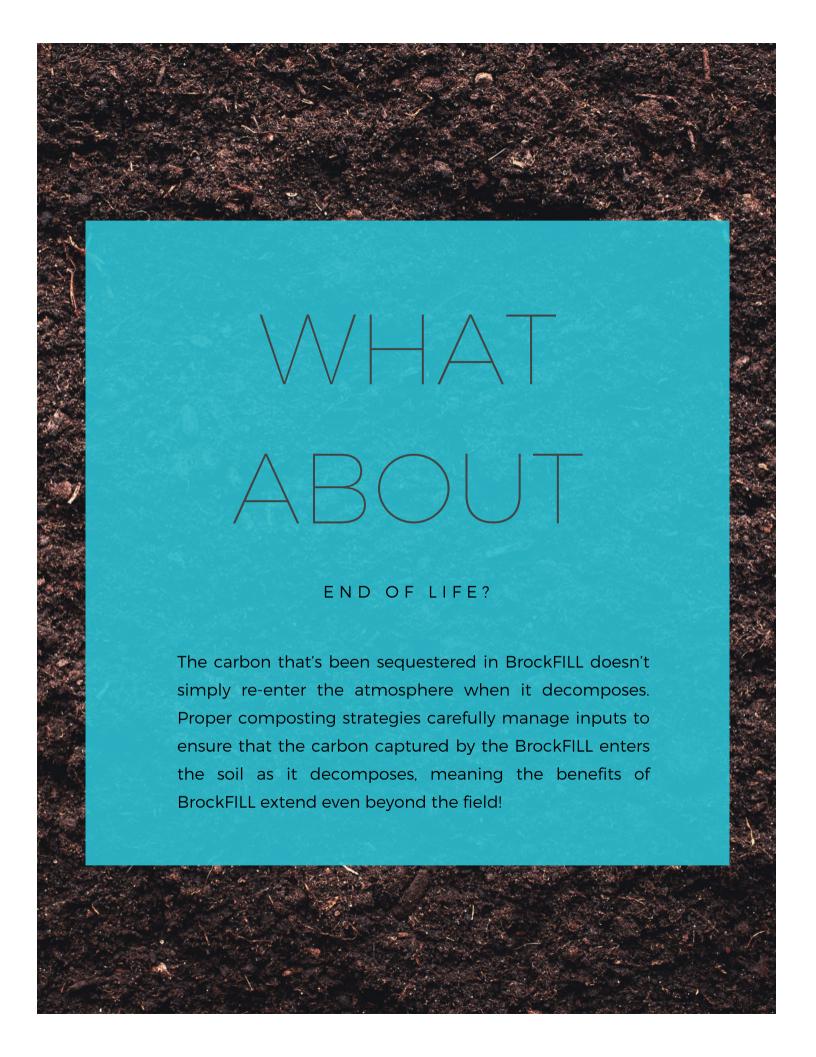




HOW DOES THIS TRANSLATE

TO ATMOSPHERIC CO2?

Carbon naturally bonds with oxygen to form CO2 very easily; whenever a material containing carbon is burned, one of the byproducts is CO2. CO2 then enters the atmosphere and increases the atmosphere's ability to retain heat. Therefore, for every pound of carbon sequestered, approximately 3.6 pounds of CO2 is kept out of the atmosphere.





HOW MUCH CO2 IS MY FIELD KEEPING OUT OF THE ATMOSPHERE?

The average BrockFILL field contains approximately 80,000 lb of BrockFILL. That means that the average BrockFILL field contains approximately 40,000 lb of sequestered carbon. Therefore, each BrockFILL field is keeping 146,583 lb of CO2 from entering the atmosphere!

According to EPA estimates 3, that's the equivalent of keeping 14 passenger vehicles off our roads for an entire year. Simply put, the emissions savings is similar to recycling 22.6 tons of waste instead of sending it to the landfill.



THE MATH

- First, we know the average BrockFILL field contains approximately 80,000 lb; because we know that ~50% of the weight of the wood for BrockFILL is carbon, we can suppose that each BrockFILL field has sequestered approximately 40,000 lb of carbon.
- The atomic weight of carbon is 12.011 g/mol
- Carbon dioxide is 44.009 g/mol
 - This is because CO2 is one atom of carbon chemically bonded to 2 atoms of oxygen.
- Therefore, we have:
 - CO2=CarbonSequestered*CO2mass/Carbonmass
 - o CO2=40,000 lb * 3.664=146,583 lb

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