Pennsylvania landfill could become site of golf links

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, Pa. — These days, mention of a proposed course is often accompanied by “site of a landfill,” or “former garbage dump.” The space squeeze seems to have forced golf courses into unenviable positions where sights — and smells — are involved.

This may not be as bad as it appears on — or under — the surface. The York County Solid Waste Authority is testing a process that eventually could open acres of county landfill for an 18-hole golf course.

Moreover, it may help solve nagging drinking water problems still facing a few neighbors.

The process involves digging up long-buried trash, trucking it to the Lancaster County incinerator for burning, then burying the ash in an active part of the York County landfill here.

Dave Vollaro, an engineer with the Authority, said one of the benefits of removing the unlined section of the landfill is that it would allow development of a golf course on the site.

The golf course could include water hazards that would actually help clean the remaining toxins in the soil, he said. Water from the ponds would seep through the soil, taking contaminants with it. Underground pumps connected to filters would constantly filter the groundwater, as they do now. Eventually, all contaminants would be filtered out of the site.

“The golf course is the best idea as far as being made to look like it never was a landfill,” said township supervisor William T. Streett. “It would make all property in the township more valuable.”

Illinois track ready for June opening

WINFIELD, Ill. — The 18-hole public golf course and clubhouse here will open by June 1.

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Pebble Beach sues over copycat holes

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