Despite protests, Va. layout revived

RICHMOND, Va. — Plans for a Bryan Park golf course have been whacked back into play by a committee set up after park neighbors fought to kill an earlier links proposal.

The committee's report calls for a study of whether a smaller course could make money. But if the study shows an executive layout won't make enough to pay for other improvements, it should be dropped from plans.

Even if the study shows the course will make money, it still could be dropped from plans if area and city residents don't approve.

Thomas L. Cloyd said his Bryan Park Steering Committee would like to see the feasibility study done as soon as possible. Cloyd's committee was set up by City Manager Robert C. Bobb after his plan for a regulation golf course ran into some rough opposition.

A group called the Friends of Bryan Park have gathered 3,000 signatures of people opposed to a regulation-size golf course. Some group members say they would like to see the space developed into a family park with ponds, gardens and forest areas.

Massive landfill course planned

QUINCY, Mass. — It's being called the largest "trash-to-fairways" golf course in the U.S.

Quincy city officials have signed a lease with a developer to begin converting the city's closed dump into the state's first golf course built on a landfill. The 18-hole course could be open within five years and eventually may expand to 27 holes if the neighboring town of Milton follows Quincy's lead and converts its nearby landfill into a golf course.

Under the development plan submitted by Quarry Hills Associates of Quincy, the 175-acre Quincy site would also include a driving range, three baseball fields and two soccer fields. Under terms of the 50-year lease, Quincy gets 10 percent of golfing fees and a percentage of sales made in the clubhouse. The city also gets the use of the soccer and baseball fields, which the developer must maintain.

A 27-hole course in Quincy and Milton would become the largest golf course in the country to be built over a landfill, according to Allen Blakey, spokesman for the National Solid Waste Management Association.

According to golf course architects, the course would look no different to the untrained eye, but the course must be capped and properly vented to minimize earth settlement. The project is dependent on a large source of fill, which the city and developers hope will come from the ongoing Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel construction project in downtown Boston.

RTJ II to design Indiana project

CARMEL, Ind. - Conner Prairie officials and developer Jim Ackerman hope to build a course neighboring a nearby museum recreating life in the Northwest Territories in the early 1800s.

The proposed 18-hole Prairie View Golf Club would be designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. on 206 acres in Clay Township across the river and west of the Conner Prairie living history museum. The course would be built on land leased from Conner Prairie and Earlham College.

Links planned for Indiana farm

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Part of the old Ross Farm in McCutchanville could become an 18-hole public golf course.

A 290-acre golf course and housing development has been proposed by local jeweler Roland Brinker, one of three partners in the BSH Development Company. The developers are seeking approval for sewer lines.