Dallas — Calling it one of the most innovative "win-win" alliances ever seen in the development of a local community and a city government, a new WaterView Development, Inc. has chosen the city of Rowlett as the location for the next golf course to be designed for the firm by Graham & Panks International. It is normally incumbent upon developers to finance such projects. But here the city took an aggressive role to ensure the course's site selection by issuing bonds to finance the venture and establish a public improvement district (PID) to facilitate the course until the bonds are repaid.

WaterView Development and Gateway Nat's.

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Foster mimicked the old-style bunkers of Scotland and Ireland with high fescue faces. "The scale of the golf course is magnificent," Foster said. "You can see great distances. On 13 or 14 holes you can see the Gateway Arch."

"Keith has done a fabulous job," said Smith, who is looking forward to a May 1 opening. Gateway National will be the only public golf course in St. Louis with bentgrass from tee to green, he said. The par-71 layout stretches from 5,187 to 7,168 yards.

Meanwhile, the Foster-designed Persimmon Woods in St. Louis is expected to open June 15 with a sold-out membership.

"There are so many daily-fee golf courses in St. Louis, this buck the system," Foster said. "It's private, but affordable private for average folks who love golf. For most private clubs, it's a social scene, tennis, pool, etc. This one, every member loves golf."

The stand-alone golf club was developed by WaterView Development investors led by Gregg Eisenberg.

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How has the response from the community been?
"It's early and a lot of people are doing yard work, but those who have come out have liked it," Powers said.