Former sand-mining facility home to New York layout

PORT WASHINGTON, N.Y. — Set up in any of the bunkers at the newly built Harbor Links Golf Course and you might just be standing in a spot where some of the most famous Manhattan skyscrapers were born. It's a piece of land that lies between a long line of bluffs and the wedge of water known as Hempstead Harbor. The area made its mark in history as a sand-mining facility and now it will function as a golf course.

The LandTek Group, Inc. of Amityville was selected by the town of North Hempstead to build the executive course. It was a challenging business opportunity for the firm, due to the topography and landscape unique to the property.

"This project was particularly challenging considering the old sandpits on which the course is located," said LandTek Vice President Greg Sharp.

With its tall bluffs to the west, Harbor Links required a substantial amount of engineering which resulted in myriad drainage lines. Harbor Links is part of a much larger complex to be operated under the town's supervision. LandTek is also constructing athletic fields on 15 acres of land within the same site. The golf course was expected to be completed in September.

Course proposed atop Va. landfill

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Developers have submitted a proposal to the Albemarle County Planning Department to build an 18-hole, daily-fee course near the former Ivy Landfill.

Mark Watson of the Ivy Investment Ltd. Partnership plans an 18-hole, public course on 250 acres to be called Pounding Brook Golf Club. Watson will also design the course and use local builders during construction.

The developers were scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors in mid-September to seek a special-use permit. In addition to the course, a clubhouse and practice facility are also planned.

Officials give nod to Minn. golf developer

OTTERTAIL, Minn. — The city of Ottertail has given the Thumper Pond Group the go-ahead to build an 18-hole, daily-fee course along the shores of Thumper and Katie ponds.

Developer Verle Blaha said the development group is negotiating with an architect to design the new facility. Plans are to start construction this fall and have the course ready for play by May 2000.

Ahlfs Construction Co. of Ottertail will be the course builder. Blaha said the group plans to hire a professional manager to operate the course.

Missouri links on target for spring opening

BELTON, Mo. — Renovation work to Belton Municipal Golf Course is proceeding on schedule.

Plans are to open the golf course next spring.

Among the $2 million in renovations are the installation of an irrigation system and new cart paths, seeding and sodding, improvements to the clubhouse, remodelling four cart-path bridges, and construction of two new bridges.

Rounds were down to 9,900 during this partial season and are expected to rise to approximately 45,000 in 2002.