

R.I. developer converting poultry farm into course

HOPKINTON, R.I. - The new owners of Chickadee Farms here are planning to turn the 125-acre former poultry farm into an 18-hole course.

Plans even call for converting the old hen houses into a clubhouse and pro shop.

The developers received preliminary approval recently from the Hopkinton Planning Board.

But before course construction can begin, the developers must also meet Department of Environmental Management regulations and apply for a change in the current zoning classification

The Hopkinton area currently has two other golf course projects under development at Fenner Hill and Brushy Brook.

Environmentalists oppose track

CRANSTON, R.I. - Environmentalists are protesting plans to turn 269 acres of Curran Reservoir land into a municipal course.

According to the Providence Journal Bulletin, Families Opposed to Ruining Environmental State Treasures (FOREST) are urging the city and the state not

to disturb the area.

In 1995, citing the expense of maintaining the park, the Department of Environmental Management approached the city of Cranston about developing the area.

Outgoing Mayor Michael Trificante agreed to take over the land, but only if it didn't cost the city any money. He then commissioned the golf course plan and a feasibility study that found a golf course could actually make money for the city.

The final development decision will be up to the incoming mayor and city council.

New municipal links on Mich. planning boards

BROWNSTOWN TOWN-SHIP, Mich. - Fritz Enterprises based in Taylor, Mich. has applied for a wetlands permit that could lead to the development of a municipal golf course and a 165-home subdivision.

Approximately 200 acres of the 435-acre site would be turned over to Brownstown Township for the development of a golf course. Infrastructure and course construction costs are estimated at \$15 million and could be funded by the Brownstown Downtown Development Authority.

About 63 acres of the site are designated wetlands and Fritz has pledged to create an acre of wetland for each acre of disturbed wetland affected and 1.5 acres of wetland for each acre of untouched wetland affected.

Approval of Fritz's application is pending.

Golf and horses team up in N.J.

BEDMINISTER, N.J. - Golfers and equestrians are teaming up here to preserve green space at Hamilton Farm.

The Daylar Group, based in Middletown, Conn., purchased the farm from Beneficial Corp. in September and plans to leave 100 acres for the United States Equestrian Team and use the rest of the land for an exclusive golf club.

Hurdzan and Fry are designing the 18-hole and par-3 courses. The design calls for bridle paths to be interwoven throughout the golf site.

Golf memberships will be sold by invitation only to 18 major Fortune 100 companies and will be open only to members and select guests

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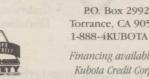
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