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I AM LAND

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- I am land
- I am trustworthy, when the friends and fortunes of men have wronged you, I will remain loyal.
- I am the producer of food, the foundation of factories and banks.
- I provide a birthplace for your offspring, a home for your family, and a shroud for your dead.
- I have absorbed the sweat and secrets of your forefathers as they toiled over me.
- I have witnessed the discovery of fire, The birth of Christ, and man's flight to the moon.
- I give you comfort when the world has wronged you, strength when your path becomes rough, and the solitude needed for self-evaluation.
- I am a living, breathing entity, reproducing year after year, growing in strength generation after generation.
- I am all on earth you can believe in, while all things wither and decay — I survive.
- I am land.

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GCSAA NEWS The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and the United States Golf Association have joined together in a joint effort to raise funds to support turfgrass research.

GCSAA supports the unprecedented research project initiated by USGA to develop and produce quality golf turfgrass that will thrive with minimum water and maintenance. GCSAA President James W. Timmerman, in a message to superintendents, said "Accelerated research leading to the development of grasses that are drought tolerant, less costly and easier to maintain are crucial to golf's survival."

The first phase of this research is being implemented in 1984 through a \$332,000 commitment by the USGA. Over the next ten years, \$5 million will be needed to accomplish this much needed research.

GCSAA and USGA are jointly urging their members and all others interested in the future of golf to contribute to this research to insure that green golf courses and the game of golf will always be a part of our lives.

"It is really important to us in working with GCSAA -- it is truly a new era. The joint project is important, not only to us, but the cementing force is what it will bring to the future of golf," so said William H. Bengeyfield, National Director, USGA Green Section.

The members of the Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, N.J., felt so strongly about this research and fund raising effort that each member will donate \$2.00 annually to the USGA Turfgrass Research Program. A jointly-signed letter by GCSAA President James W. Timmerman and USGA President James R. Hand has been sent to all golf clubs via the golf course superintendent