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After much deliberation with various consultants and environmental agencies, we developed an innovative plan to create a hazard surrounding a peninsula of golf. We have created this outdoor laboratory to monitor and observe passive wetland revegetation by: 1) maintaining a consistently wet soil profile, 2) allowing a fluctuating water surface depending upon rainfall and runoff, and 3) appropriate selection of existing marshland vegetation species and compatible grass varieties transitioning into the upland environment.

With the emphasis on preserving America's wetlands, the country, as well as the game of golf, needs the type of information promised by the Lake County and University of Wisconsin projects, as well as similar ones planned in other areas. Modern technology can be the bridge between preservation and well-planned development.

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**Credit: GCD&O/Spring 1990**

## Water Usage

### G. Tyler Miller, Jr., "Living in the Environment" In Turfgrass Environment, Summer 1989

The average American uses 1,800 gallons of water daily:

•Direct Person Use — 8% daily use (per person)

Bath: 30-40 gallons

Shower: 5 gallons/minute

Cooking: 8 gallons

Toilet flushing: 3 gallons

Lawn sprinkling: 80 gallons/8,000 sq. ft.

(a median size lawn=7,000 sq. ft.)

•Indirect Use — 92% daily use (per person)

Sunday paper: 280 gallons

One pound aluminum: 1,0000 gallons

One automobile: 100,000 gallons

1 egg: 40 gallons

1 ear corn: 80 gallons

1 loaf bread: 150 gallons

1 gallon whiskey: 230 gallons

1 pound beef: 2,500 gallons.

"While green lawns and flower gardens may be conspicuous consumers of water, one of our most precious natural resources, how effective are outdoor watering bans in helping to solve a very serious problem? As Kathleen K. Wiegner noted in *Forbes* magazine: 'Bricks in toilet tanks or shutting off sprinklers hissing on summer lawns makes better symbolism than sense in dealing with water shortages.'

"Symbolic acts seldom solve serious problems and more often than not, they serve only to redirect attention from other problem. For most areas, the problem is not green vs. brown lawns, it's more a matter of determining the value of water and planning sufficiently far in advance to ensure adequate supplies are present when they're needed.

"Conservation is important, because water truly is one of our most precious natural resources. The concern is that we create effective conservation programs and not merely symbolic gestures that have little real meaning."