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Pennsylvanians oppose park developments

Three-fourths of mid-state Pennsylvanians oppose golf courses and other commercial developments in their state parks, according to an environmental group's survey.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen Clubs' survey revealed the opposition to commercial development in the state's 114 parks at a time when they need an estimated \$100 million in maintenance and are faced with staff shortages.

The Department of Environmental Resources has recommended construction of rustic lodges to attract more visitors and needed revenue.

The state House and Senate have gone farther with legislation introduced in both branches calling for construction of golf courses, tennis courts, ski areas and convention centers.

River Vale buy spearheaded by Dye Equity

Dye Equity, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Dye Designs International, Inc., served as golf acquisition and investment adviser to F.B.D. Enterprises during the recent purchase of the River Vale Country Club in Bergen County, N.J.

F.B.D. is an affiliate of Fuji Country USA, a Japanese company whose U.S. operations are headquartered in Monterey, Calif. Fuji Country's principle business is owning and operating golf courses in the United States and throughout the world. It currently holds two public courses in the United States located in Sonoma County and San Diego, Calif.

The \$28-million acquisition from Winthrop Products, Inc. was facilitated by Dye Equity, Inc.

According to Dye Equity President Charles Tourtellotte, "The New York/New Jersey area was attractive to Fuji because it is home to the highest concentration of Japanese businessmen in the United States."

Tourtellotte added that plans for River Vale Country Club include remodeling and upgrading to the course and its amenities. River Vale is scheduled for opening this spring.

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McLoughlin drafting law for Turkey

Jim McLoughlin of The McLoughlin Group in Pleasantville, N.Y., is writing working specifications for the Turkish government to follow in evaluating golf course proposals in that country.

McLoughlin, the consultant for the country's first golf course, which is awaiting construction, said 22 applications have been presented to the government since Turkey, to attract tourism, decided to grant developers 99-year, free leases and tax incentives on land along the Mediterranean

coast.

The specifications are for all golf course-related projects including courses, residential communities, hotels and conference centers.

"There are 22 projects proposed, maybe some on a shoestring," McLoughlin said. "There are good and bad standards. If bad standards are approved, Turkey will get a bad rap and spoil its whole tourism movement."

McLoughlin, who is writing the specifications without charge, said, "It's in everyone's

best interest to set quality standards."

He is arranging for Minister of Tourism Jurkan Ertas, Minister of Planning Tankut Unal and perhaps one or two other officials to travel to Florida in late April to see, first-hand, the result of quality construction standards.

"Their Mediterranean coastline is like Florida's," McLoughlin said.

The group will travel on to New York to meet with county planners and zoners and see how their regulations are carried out.

Jacobsen hosts UK, American college seniors

Jacobsen Division of Textron is hosting top seniors from turf-management programs throughout North America at the company's 23rd annual Student Seminar, May 20-23 in Racine, Wis.

Golf course superintendents, authorities on course management and sports stadium groundskeepers will speak, both in the classroom and in the field, on golf course and sports turf management.

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