

In N.J. town: one denied, one waiting

DEP shoots down \$80M housing and convention center plan... while 2nd developer waits on economy

SWAINTON, N.J. — The state Department of Environmental Protection has denied "without prejudice" a permit for Avalon Golf Club and Resort's \$60-million plan to build 343 townhouses, convention center and health club on 172 acres here. The plan, which would have located the development on the existing golf course, initially was given approval by local planners.

However, it didn't meet state and national criteria specified for development in both the Pinelands National Reserve Area and general land area policy.

St. Louis Airport course proposal may win OK after 26 years

CHESTERFIELD, Mo. — Golf course plans, in the works for most of the 26 years of the St. Louis Airport's existence, may be getting off the ground.

Last year, three golf course developers responded to the airport's nationwide query concerning an 18-hole regulation golf course and driving range on 230 acres south of the airport's runway complex.

The first of three steps has been taken. A team of county officials interviewed the companies — First Golf Co. of Denver, Colo., Blue Tee Management of Omaha, Neb., and a local consortium headed by Rollo Construction and Hale Irwin Golf Services.

Course cost estimate is \$4.2 million. Much of the delay has been attributed to drainage concerns.

EPA institutes storm water rules

An Environmental Protection Agency stormwater requirement may affect a number of green industry operators.

The regulations will give many cities the authority to ban wastewater from washing vehicles and equipment from running into stormwater sewer systems.

Harvard repeats design course

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Golf course design will be among one-to-six-day courses offered from mid-June through mid-August at Harvard Graduate School of Design, Gund Hall, 48 Quincy St.

Forty-one continuing education courses will include workshops in landscape architecture, architecture, management, real-estate development, and computer-aided design.

SWAINTON, N.J. — Gordon Shaffner is waiting for an improved economy before proceeding with a 292-unit planned upscale community at Stone Harbor Golf Club.

Club owner-president Shaffner has spread the plan for a golf course "amenity"-based community of \$200,000 to \$1 million "custom homes" in a 356-acre tract north of the Cape May County Park.

Water remains a bugaboo. The Middle Township Committee OK'd

a new clubhouse septic system which will generate over 2,000 gallons of wastewater daily.

Water is crucial to future club plans.

Stephen R. Nehmad, Atlantic City attorney representing Shaffner, said: "The golf course gains sustenance from the clubhouse. We can't afford to have it not function. We essentially are stymied."

"If we do not have a first-class clubhouse, we can not go forward. The clubhouse is a watershed."

Club Corp. plans \$40M development

BERNARDS, N.J. — Club Corp. of America has bought 327 acres from The Hills Development Co. to build a golf course in the center of a huge development planned here.

Total cost of acquisition, construction and amenities is estimated as exceeding \$40 million. Sale is

contingent on Planning Board approval of the course design. Construction should take about two years.

The course property is directly south of the United States Golf Association's national headquarters in the township.

Wetlands panel says 'yes' to request

BETHLEHEM, Conn. — The Inland Wetlands Commission has approved an application for a golf course-country club housing development for the Risley property

off Route 132 on the northwest side of town.

However, the Planning Commission has received no application.

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