

Urban Wildlife Institute cites DMW projects

TOWSON, Md. — The National Institute for Urban Wildlife has recognized seven projects of the local land planning firm of Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc., as certified "Urban Wildlife Sanctuaries."

Bob Galvin, DMW president, said: "Our research indicates that the integration of natural designs with new development is extremely cost effective and creates a more marketable product. We have created approximately 268 acres of new communities which have received certification."

He added, "We strive to work as a team and include our environmental scientists and client in the design and landscape process."

State approval paves way for \$1B PGA plan

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Close, but not . . . A project involving \$2 million in state road funds that, if not approved, threatened to trap a \$1.1-billion project featuring a PGA Tour Hall of Fame and two golf courses for this city has survived state scrutiny.

The Economic Development Transportation Fund Committee voted 4-3 to help build an interchange on Interstate 95.

State money for the cloverleaf interchange at Old St. Augustine Road was considered vital to attract project financing and was needed to improve access to the property.

Total interchange cost will be \$6.2 million. PGA Tour Investments will provide \$4.2 million.

In addition to the Hall of Fame and golf courses, there will be national headquarters of PGA Tour Productions, a resort and convention hotel and 4,500 units of housing and commercial development.

Water recycling process to debut on public course

ELGIN, Ill. — A golf course community planned for two years for Elgin and St. Charles townships has received unanimous approval from the Kane County Development Committee.

The par 72 18-hole course will be ready for play within two years of construction start. Developer James Follensbee hopes to begin construction next spring of the 564-home luxury subdivision on the 744-acre project.

It is planned to use a revolutionary "circular water" recycling process, termed "environmentally superior." Water would be treated, aged for more than a month, then used to water the golf course.

Creation of the Otter Creek Water Reclamation District will enable overseeing of operation of the land application system. County board approval on the requested rezoning should happen next month.

GOLF COURSE NEWS

Audubon Project bestows first honors on Honors Course

FAR HILLS, N.J. — The Honors Course in Ooltewah, Tenn., has been chosen as the first golf course recognized for its conservation and preservation efforts under the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses.

In recognition of its achievement, The Honors Course, the site of the U.S. Amateur Championship in August, was presented an original oil painting by artist Adriano Manocchio depicting a view of the 9th hole.

The painting captures the

hole's natural habitat, nest boxes, and wildlife, such as the Eastern bluebird, pileated woodpecker and quail. It was accepted on behalf of The Honors Course by the club chairman, John T. Lupton at a ceremony at the club on Aug. 18.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program is sponsored by the USGA and administered by the Audubon Society of New York State.

It seeks to protect and enhance wildlife habitat on existing and

planned golf courses, enhance the image of golf courses as sanctuaries for wildlife, and encourage all those associated with the game to become more knowledgeable about environmental issues and take an active role in conservation practices on golf courses.

Several factors contributed to the decision to recognize the practices of The Honors Course. The course was constructed in harmony with the existing site topography, thereby minimizing the negative environmental impact of excessive

soil disturbance.

Naturalized tall grasses are encouraged to grow in areas between greens, tees, and landing areas.

Native shrubs and tall grasses border the roughs, streams and pond shorelines. Nesting boxes for birds are located throughout the course.

Superintendent David Stone remains an avid naturalist and has instituted several programs to help identify, monitor and encourage a variety of wildlife species utilizing the course environment.

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