

N.J. state park project hits another snag as \$5M landfill cleanup needed

JERSEY CITY, N. J. — The proposed 250-acre Liberty State Park Golf Course has encountered formidable obstacles ranging from cost to environmental problems.

Golf course architect Brian Silva of Amherst, Mass., said the state must spend at least \$5 million just for clean landfill. It would cost \$12 million and take more than a year to complete.

Golfers on the 12th, 13th and 14th holes would be walking along an area contaminated with dredge spoils. Nearly 100 acres are covered with 650,000 tons of contaminated sediment, according to the state Department

of Environmental Protection, adding that tests reveal 3,444.6 parts of contamination per million parts of clean soil.

Meanwhile, New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection has ruled that an 18-hole public golf course can be built around wetlands and alongside two other new courses and hundreds of luxury homes in Rockaway Township.

The ruling requires developer Samco Rockaway 90 Inc. to design 50-foot buffers, or undeveloped land, around wetlands on the 400-acre site. The public course is part of Samco's proposed 1,700-acre Copperas Ridge project, which includes two golf courses and 306 homes.

Banker banks golf on rise in N.Y.

Studies say Baltimore County needs 10 new courses; here comes the first

HAMPSTEAD, N. Y. — A former banker now immersed in bunkers may help solve Baltimore County's projected golf course crisis.

Leland Snyder, building a course here, is banking that golf is on the rise, that more women and working-class people are taking up the sport. "Golf is something the 40-plus set can do for the rest of their lives," Snyder said.

Regional developers agree with the assessment of Keene Gooding, a management analyst with the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks.

Gooding estimates a county need for 10 new courses to meet an estimated demand for 1.5 million rounds of golf each year. This is more than twice the 680,000 rounds now played on local public and private county courses.

The county is completing acquisition of land to add 18 holes to its Diamond Ridge Golf Course in Woodlawn.

Anne Arundel County has bought land for a new course, but can't afford to build it yet.

Howard County has identified two sites for 18 hole courses to be built by the county or a developer for public use.

Three courses are in the approval process or under construction in Carroll County. In the planning stage are Challedon, off Md. 27 north of Mt. Airy, and River Downs in Gamber.

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Water-efficient land symposium readied by city, industry

PALM DESERT, Calif. — The city, Atlantic Richfield Co. and local green industry associations are co-sponsoring a water-efficient landscape symposium here on Nov. 25.

Three general morning sessions will focus on the future of water, successful water efficient landscape projects and drought-tolerant plant materials.

Afternoon sessions will touch on irrigation, plants, maintenance, design and the responsibilities of the public sector. Six hundred attendees are expected including members of symposium co-sponsors California Landscape Contractors Association, American Society of Landscape Architects and local golf course superintendents associations.

Forty display booths are available for water-efficient products, services and materials.

For more information contact John Wohlmut at 619-346-0611 or Randy Myers at 619-399-4260.

Muni on schedule for Kentucky July 4 bang

RICHMOND, Ky. — Construction of the \$3 million 227-acre Gibson Bay Municipal Golf Course may next summer gild the restored 70-acre Lake Reba.

An optimistic Mayor Ann Durham said, "If the weather cooperates and the grass grows on schedule, we might tee off with a bang on the Fourth of July."

Coupled with a \$350,000 four-lane road into the Lake Reba recreation area, the project will mark the beginning of park improvements linked to the lake's restoration.

American Nevada is Grand Legacy builder

An article on Las Vegas golf course development in the August issue incorrectly stated that Summa Corp. is developing Legacy at Green Valley and TPC at Summerlin. Summa Corp. is developing TPC at Summerlin, but American Nevada Corp. is developing Grand Legacy. Summa Corp. President Mark Fine was president of American Nevada Corp. before joining Summa Corp. The Grand Legacy project is now being directed by W. Bradley Nelson, vice president of American Nevada Corp.