

Hawaiian land use panel OKs \$500M golf resort

HILO, Hawaii — The state Land Use Commission has approved a \$500-million golf course and resort community near Waikoloa Village in West Hawaii.

Nansay Hawaii, a Japanese developer, plans six golf courses in the Big Island's South Kohala district.

The Puako Hawaii Properties' project spread over 1,060 acres of currently barren lava fields initially will embrace two championship golf courses, 970 multi-family units priced between \$200,000 to

\$450,000, 580 single-family lots from 15,000 to 20,000 square feet each priced between \$175,000 and \$375,000, and a commercial center.

Puako also plans to develop houses and four other golf courses in an adjoining 2,000 acres acquired last year.

The development still needs Hawaii County golf permits as well as rezoning.

Nansay also is developing a golf course at Ouli, a 458-acre site between Waimea and Kawaihae and Kohalaiki Resort near Keahole Airport.

Alabama busting with golf projects

Judge rules Muscle Shoals pact legal

One Alabama golf course has received the legal green light to continue construction, while several others are in progress or planning stages.

Pride Tompkins, Colbert County circuit judge, recently ruled that an agreement between Muscle Shoals and Shotop Investment Inc. to construct the Oaks Golf Course is legal.

The city will use \$2.75 million

from a bond issue to build the course. Shotop is responsible for repaying the bond money over a 20-year period, at which time title will be transferred to Shotop.

A citizens' group had protested the transaction and questioned its legality.

Meanwhile, the Anniston-Gadsden area is being targeted for an \$8-million to \$12-million golf complex.

This area was included in original plans for the Robert Trent Jones Trail of Golf now being built with \$60 million from the Retirement

Systems of Alabama.

The 216 holes being prepared at four sites are believed part of the largest single golf construction project ever. About 200 construction workers are laboring on courses in Birmingham, Huntsville, Auburn-Opelika and Mobile.

Bob Barrett, formerly golf pro at Shoal Creek and now with projects director Sunbelt Golf Inc., hopes construction time from start to finish will be 18 months.

Work is scheduled to start this fall on golf complexes in Greenville and Dothan.

Baltimore County facility garners national honors

BALTIMORE, Md. — Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks and Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc., recently won two prestigious awards for the Baltimore County Golf Course Master Plan.

They were the National Association of Counties Achievement Award for addressing a significant concern in Baltimore County and the American Society of Landscape Architects Merit Award in recognition of outstanding professional achievement.

The plan addressed a county market and demand analysis for public golf courses, a blueprint for development of public golf courses through the year 2000, and an evaluation of specific sites for their suitability as public golfing facilities.

The comprehensive 205-page document substantiates the demand for and methods of accomplishing additional golf facilities and additional revenues for Baltimore County.

The plan indicates a tremendous demand for golf in the county and a loss of approximately \$5 million annually in greens fees and golf expenditures currently going to other metropolitan counties and York County, Pa.

Baltimore County would need to develop ten additional golf courses to meet current demand, the plan noted.

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