

First N.J. Golf Mecca layout hits review stage

FRANKLIN, N.J. — Plans for a golf course that would become part of Sussex County's \$100 million golf preserve were recently discussed with the borough Planning Board.

The plans call for the Black Bear Country Club to be built on 250 acres in Franklin and Hardyston off Route 23. The club would be the first of 15 to 20 new golf courses proposed last summer for the northeast section of the county by The Sussex County Golf Pre-

serve Committee, a private development group.

Committee Chairman John Kurlander said he plans to buy what is now farmland from United Jersey Bank to build the first club, that would include a driving range, a 6,000-square-foot clubhouse and a parking lot.

Kurlander said the golf preserve region would attract \$200 million in capital investments, create at least 1,000 new jobs and attract hotel development.

Fla. official proposes selling three Brevard County courses to finance alternative projects

MELBOURNE, Fla. — If County Commissioner Scott Ellis gets his way, the county's three golf courses — Savannahs at Sykes Creek, Habitat at Valkaria and Spessard Hooland — will all be sold to private operators.

Ellis told the Melbourne edition of *Florida Today*, "You have to set your priorities in government, and golf courses just should not be priorities."

The proposal is expected to face stiff opposition from county golfers, particularly retirees who have moved into the area and made links a second home.

Because the courses are owned and operated by the county, their fees are lower than those at most privately-owned facilities, a crucial feature for players living on fixed incomes.

The three county-owned courses were built with income from bond sales, which are being paid off with income from greens fees.

Ellis has not formally proposed the idea to the rest of the commission, but says he has a carefully crafted plan that would spur private developers to build courses themselves. This way, he said, developers would avoid competing against municipally-funded golf courses.

Miss. state parks may be sites for McCumber tracks

TUPELO, Miss. — Representatives of McCumber Golf have told lawmakers it would cost \$5 million for each of three public golf courses proposed for nearby state parks.

Mark McCumber, president of the design division of the company, selected three sites — John Kyle State Park near Sardis, Percy Quin State Park near McComb, and the Ross Barnett Reservoir north of Jackson. They were chosen because of the proximity to Interstate 55 and the tourism potential.

The proposals by McCumber Golf would include an 18-hole "championship" course, practice tees/greens and clubhouses for each site. The courses will be open to the public.

Rezoning allows Ohio facility to add nine holes

LAGRANGE, Ohio — Township trustees have voted to rezone 75 acres of land from agricultural and residential uses to business and commercial — a move that will enable Indian Hollow Golf Course to expand.

Indian Hollow Lake Enterprises, which own 148 acres including the golf course, had asked for the zoning change in order to enlarge the facility to 27 holes. Currently, nine holes are in a flood plain area, which has not proven a suitable site for golf.

The zoning change will allow another nine holes to be constructed above the flood plain.

Debate rages over N.J. site

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Activists want an arboretum and botanical garden in Liberty State Park. The Liberty State Park Development Corp. envisions a golf course.

Both sides squared recently. Environmentalists feel that a proposed 18-hole golf course in the development would drive away hawks, owls and other birds.



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