

Public/private venture taking shape in Colo. foothills community

LONGMONT, Colo. — City officials are working with a local developer to build a \$5 million 18-hole golf course.

G.T. Land Colorado plans to donate 192 acres to the city for the Spring Valley Golf Course. The City Council has not yet approved the development.

However, most city officials call it a win-win deal: Longmont receives free land for a golf course; the developer has open space to

build housing. G.T. Land expects contractors to build 750 single-family homes around the course.

To fund construction of the course, the city would draw money from a special golf fund, then issue bonds. Profits generated from the city's two existing courses are placed into the golf fund.

A bond issue would require voter approval. Officials said revenues from the new course would pay off the debt on the bonds.

Ohio town may get new layout

LOCKINGTON, Ohio — Financing for an estimated \$1.5 million, 18-hole golf course is needed before construction can begin.

Randy Packman and Howard Spriggs plan to develop 160 acres across the street from the former Shelby Raceway. Packman said if construction begins in 1993, the course could be completed by spring 1994.

Charleston, S.C. families plan multi-million-dollar golf project

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. — The Way and Darby families are proposing a 1,250-unit subdivision, a golf course, and a retail and office complex for their Seaside Farms plantation.

The 505-acre development would also include a clubhouse, boat docks and recreational playing fields. In the proposal submitted to Charleston County planners, 110 single-family homes on three-quarter and half-acre lots,

and 895 multi-family residential dwellings would be developed.

The complex, which will take up to 10 years to complete, also calls for 410,000 square feet of commercial and office space.

Charleston County planners and the planning board have recommended the County Council approve a request to rezone the property to allow the development, said Bill Miller, county planning director.

Duxbury, Mass. voters reject course proposal

DUXBURY, Mass. — Despite a preliminary economic study showing a proposed expansion of the town-owned 9-hole golf course would make money, voters rejected the plan.

Estimates by RKG Associates indicate the North Hill Country Club's expansion to 18 holes would cost \$1.3 million. Expenses, including debt service, would run about \$600,000 in the first year, but the course revenue would be \$850,000.

The additional nine holes would be built on land near the Massachusetts Audubon Society's 152-acre North Hill Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary.

The issue was voted on at a late spring town meeting.

Developer seeks local interest

FRONTENAC, Kan. — A local developer has asked the City Council to issue a 'letter of intent' indicating the city would be interested in leasing an 18-hole golf course and housing facility.

John Whetzell of Kansas Golf Development said his firm would maintain the golf course. The city's letter would lend support to the proposed plans.

A Kansas Golf Development feasibility study will assess the potential revenues and expenditures of this project.

When completed, the study will be presented to the City Council.

Extra holes could be ready in '95

FOND DU LAC, Wis. — A nine-hole expansion at 18-hole Rolling Meadows Golf Course could be complete as soon as the summer of 1995.

Although the Fond du Lac County Board has yet to approve the expansion, Sam Tobias, county planning and parks director, said the cost could run as high as \$1.5 million. The current estimate is \$1.358 million.

