

Dirty business makes N.J. state park course likely

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — A new element — \$3 million to \$4 million worth of dirt — may weigh heavily in the fate of a proposed golf course here in Liberty State Park.

State transportation officials expect to find out next month whether they will be able to donate the dirt to a Liberty State Park development project in which a golf course figures prominently.

The Liberty State Park Working Committee wants to know if

the state would allow spreading of the soil over a contaminated 225-acre area where it plans a golf course.

This would trim up to \$4 million from the course's estimated \$13 million price tag.

The dirt would be moved from Wayne, where a 400-acre artificial wetland is being created to make up for destruction of yet another wetland during work on state Route 287.

Course opponents object to the proposed site.

The Hudson County Board of Freeholders have been asked to consider an alternate site on the other side of Jersey City.

Ethel Pesin, a member of the Liberty State Park Advisory Commission and widow of former Jersey City Councilman Morris Pesin, the "Father of Liberty State Park," are leading the course opposition.

"The people of Hudson County should have a golf course, but not at Liberty State Park," she declared.

Mrs. Pesin and son Sam recommended a golf course be built on other undeveloped county-owned land west of Route 440 in Jersey City.

Liberty Park course supporters say the county should have its own course because golfers now are compelled to play in other counties.

They contend there is sufficient room at Liberty State Park to accommodate a golf course without detracting from other possible uses.

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Hawaii layout receives okay from planners

HILO, Hawaii — A 27-hole golf course planned as part of the "Villages of Hokuano" has received county Planning Commission approval.

The course will be private, with public play one day a month at reduced rates. The developer plans to sell 1,500 golf club memberships in the \$100,000-\$500,000 range.

The developer — a partnership of the Lyle Anderson Co. of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Japan Airlines — seeks to rezone 637 of the project's 1,540 acres to allow agricultural lots of from one to three acres for house sites.

The developer will pay \$12 million to pave the roadway from Kuakini Highway near Hono to the project site.

The project eventually will contain 1,440 lots and a 10-room members-only hotel.

Vt. developer offers muni golf property

SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vt. — The Green Mountain State, already snow-decorated, may become a bit greener.

Dean Economou proposes what is believed to be the first municipal golf course in Vermont on 200 of 400 acres on his family farm. It would be 18 holes.

City manager Charles Hafter said plans to keep 200 acres undeveloped near the city center has been one of the goals of South Burlington city councilors.

The city will hire a firm to study whether a municipal golf course is feasible for South Burlington.

Economou received a letter from Jack Nicklaus expressing interest in designing the course.

Family returns with plans for N.H. links

DURHAM, N.H. — New plans for a proposed 18-hole golf course have been accepted by the local Planning Board.

The scaled-down version of a plan rejected last year will embrace golf course, clubhouse, function hall and restaurant. The rejected plan would have required development within the shoreland protection zone.

The developer, the Benevento Family Trust, intends to begin construction this spring and open for golf in 1996.

Malcolm R. McNeill Jr., attorney for the developer, said the course will be environmentally sensitive.