

New York proposal goes public

STILLWATER, N.Y. — Plans for an 18-hole golf course here have been disclosed.

According to a map presented by C. Michael Ingersoll, an engineer for the LA Group, the course will be situated on a 211-acre parcel of property and will include a 14-lot subdivision.

The land is currently zoned for residential use and could accommodate 200 housing units, Ingersoll said.

The construction of the golf course would require a zone

change to planned recreation development.

The project also includes plans for a 150-car parking lot with room for expansion, and a 3,000-square-foot club house with pro shop and grill.

Ingersoll said rough clearing of the land could begin this month, with construction starting in the summer. The Luther Forest Corporation of Malta is the owner and developer of the land.

The golf course would be open by the spring of 1996.

County-owned farm project hits snag

BUTLER, Pa. — County residents opposed to turning part of the county-owned Sunnyside farm into a golf course say they intend to take the issue to court if the county leases the land.

The county solicitor has already begun negotiating a lease with Butler County Golf Links Inc., which plans to combine part of the 136-acre county farm with adjacent land it owns to build an

18-hole public golf course.

Supporters contend the course will put the property back on the tax rolls, maintain the "green" state of the land and create jobs.

Those who oppose the project say since the property is publicly owned, it should be preserved as an agricultural asset rather than be developed for the benefit of a private company.

Mass. residents question cost of proposed muni

NORWELL, Mass. — Opponents of a proposal to build a town golf course on the Stetson Meadows conservation land said the course would cost more than twice as much as the Golf Course Committee estimates.

Figures presented to the committee by The Friends of Norwell, a group of residents organized in 1988 to oppose the course, estimate the project would cost \$4 million to \$5 million to build. The golf course study committee has estimated it would cost \$1.5 million to \$2 million to build the course.

The additional costs come from a variety of sources, according to Richard Meyer, a representative of the Friends group. This includes \$150,000 for 10 wells that would have to be dug for irrigation, \$170,000 to build a road, \$400,000 for a clubhouse that would have to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, \$60,000 for a septic system, \$116,000 for a parking lot and \$113,000 for lighting.

Depending on bond terms, the Friends concluded the course would not break even for about seven years.

Judge refuses to stop construction

COVINGTON, Ky. — A state appellate judge has refused to stop construction of the golf course expansion now under way here in Devou Park. In allowing the construction of nine new holes to continue, Judge Wil Schroder denied an emergency request by opponents of the expansion to stop the course's development.

Schroder's ruling did not come as a surprise to city officials. "It's what we expected," City Attorney Joe Condit said. The city approved the expansion last May in order to increase use of the park and acquire a more lucrative contract with the golf course's operator.

Chas Brannen, a representative of the opponents to expansion — who believe the expanded course would destroy the park's natural beauty and close most of it off the general public — said he is unsure of what the next step will be. The group could ask the state Supreme Court to overrule Schroder, or it could simply allow the normal appeals process to continue.

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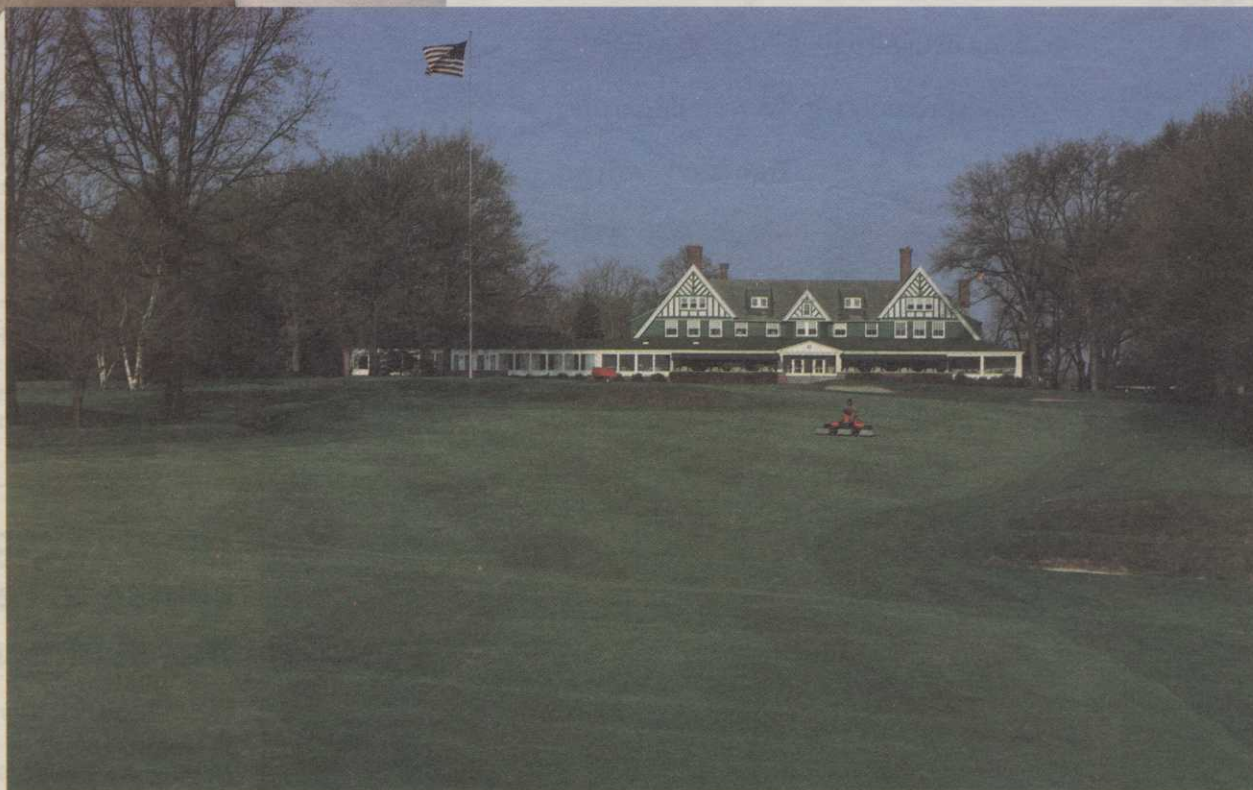
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