

## Illinois community set to interview architects

LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP, Ill. — The Lockport Township Park District has bought 237 additional acres near the Stateville Correctional Center, which brings its plans for a public, 27-hole course complex closer to becoming a reality.

The park district bought the property for \$710,000 from the state corrections department in early January, about six months after Illinois Governor Jim Edgar signed legislation allowing the township department to sell excess property.

Park district staff will begin interviewing golf course architects in March and April. If all goes as planned, development of three nine-hole courses — which were first proposed back in 1989 — will begin in October and be completed by summer 1998.

A driving range is scheduled to be completed as early as next summer.

The park district is also considering buying an adjacent 65 acres for the golf courses, which is more hilly and would complement the 237-acre former state corrections site.

## Mass. town reloads for another attempt at building new course

PLYMOUTH, Mass. — Although several past attempts have failed, developer Michael Vogel is going to try once again to build an 18-hole golf course on land once owned by Digital.

Vogel has presented a conceptual plan for an 18-hole course and a subdivision on 200 acres of Digital Equipment Corp. land he controls.

Vogel's new proposal is the first that will be considered under the town's new three-acre

rural density development zoning regulation. The town voted last year to increase the amount of land needed for a lot in rural residential zoning from 1 1/2 to 3 acres. The impetus behind the zoning change was to help slow the amount of residential growth in the community by requiring large lots and to also protect the rural characteristics of South Plymouth.

The new rural zoning regulation allows developers to determine how many houses would be allowed on a parcel if each were built on a three-acre lot, but the houses can then be clustered on lots of 40,000 square feet. The remaining acreage must be put aside for open space.

Vogel said his concept for the 200 acres is to cluster homes around a 120-acre golf course, which in his opinion would be allowed under the category of open space.

## School official plans course on Ky./Ohio border

COVINGTON, Ky. — A school principal has stepped up to fill what he sees as a need for another public, 18-hole golf course in Campbell County at the Kentucky-Ohio border near Cincinnati.

Alan Ahrman, principal at the Grants Lick Elementary School in Campbell County, has gotten approval to build an 18-hole course on 103 acres of family farmland on the AA Highway. Ahrman said he will buy another four acres for the course.

Ahrman said he wants to build the course because the county-owned A. J. Jolly Golf Course has become too crowded, especially on weekends. Ahrman wants to open his proposed \$2 million par-72 layout by April 1997. He also plans to build a 5,000-square-foot log cabin-style clubhouse.

### NY DEVELOPER SET TO OBTAIN MUNICIPAL APPROVALS

PEEKSKILL, N.Y. — With its developer hoping for a construction start this spring, a plan to build a 27-hole public golf course on the Carmel-Southeast border has passed a critical point in a municipal review of the project. The Carmel Planning Board has agreed conditionally to accept a final environmental impact statement, the developer's formal report on how the proposed \$7 million project will affect its surroundings. With the board close to finishing its review, the developer, Centennial Golf Properties of Greenwich, Conn., may start seeking municipal approvals in Carmel and Southeast.

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