

EDISTO BEACH GC JOINS SANCTUARY SYSTEM

EDISTO ISLAND, S.C. — The Edisto Beach Golf Club has joined the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System.

"The open space of a golf course is utilized not only by golfers, but is habitat for a variety of wildlife species," said Ruth Hecht, assistant ecologist for Audubon International. "We welcome Edisto Beach's commitment to the environment and to managing the golf course with wildlife in mind."

Edisto Beach Golf Club will be involved in projects that enhance habitat for wildlife on the golf course and preserve natural resources for the benefit of the community.

Power co. gets assist in Glen Ellen CC savings

MILLIS, Mass. — Combining innovative technology and a century of electrical industry expertise, Boston Edison is helping Glen Ellen Country Club exceed its energy conservation goals and save money.

The club saved \$2,400 during the month of May, using Boston Edison's Energy Management

Service, a software-based energy-monitoring tool dubbed EnerLink that helps time-of-use customers better understand energy consumption and reduce operating costs. As part of the Boston Edison one-stop shopping advantage, Glen Ellen can buy other services such as installation and training, and on-

going support services such as engineering services, construction and installation services, and operations, maintenance and testing services.

Facility managers at the country club also are able to learn about energy management experiences through the Service User's Group. Large energy users gather in forums to share information on the energy solutions available through Boston Edison.

"The Glen Ellen Country Club had an ambitious goal of reducing its annual electric usage by 20 percent," said Christopher Mullaney, Boston Edison account representative. "And with several function halls, an entire golf course, and an on-site catering facility to run, cutting down substantially on electric use seemed like a long shot. But with the information provided by the service, the country club has seen immediate results, and projects substantial savings in the coming months."

The service provides Glen Ellen with an important advantage in conserving energy: almost real-time usage information. By knowing more about the origins of its power costs, the club has been able to reduce its power consumption by planning ahead to control peak usage. Glen Ellen Director of Engineering Tom Mierzejewski is able to determine where power consumption is occurring, and thus stagger the operation of heavy energy users such as irrigation pumps, industrial dishwashers, and air conditioning.

Mierzejewski first learned about the service last fall while attending a Boston Edison Power Systems Services seminar on power quality issues. Since he began using it, he has changed the way he runs the country club's facilities.

"I now can tell on Friday if I am nearing my peak usage for the week, and I can take steps to lower our consumption," said Mierzejewski. "If I know I have to keep the air conditioning on all day, I can shut off a water pump or an ice machine that's already full."

Mierzejewski has learned to rely on the service. During the club's busiest times, he checks meters 10 times a day. But the knowledge he has gained about Glen Ellen's energy consumption has paid off.

"With the growth of the club this year, we estimated that our energy costs would increase \$10,000 to \$12,000," he said. "Through its use, we project that we will cut at least \$7,000 off our bill this year, and save up to \$20,000 more than what we would have paid without it."

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