

Calendar

May

1-2 — 54th Annual Southeastern Turfgrass Conference in Tifton, Ga. Contact 912-386-3416.

5-13 — American Society of Golf Course Architects Annual Meeting in Ireland. Contact Tony Hourston at 312-372-7090.

July

22-24 — International Lawn, Garden & Power Equipment Expo in Louisville, Ky. Contact 800-558-8767.

November

14-16 — New York Turf and Grounds Exposition in Syracuse. Contact 800-873-8873.

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tat management specifically incorporates the needs of wildlife for suitable space, food, cover, water and breeding sites.

- **Buildings and landscaping.** We have set up a recycling program that includes collection and recycling of paper, glass, cardboard and plastic.

- **Dining facilities.** We compost food scraps and uneaten food, and/or donate edible food wastes to homeless shelters or food pantries to reduce the amount of food waste sent to the landfill.

- **Parking lots and roads.** We have examined alternatives to conventional road salt and use where appropriate.

- **Tennis courts.** High-pressure sodium bulbs or other energy-efficient bulbs are used to light courts.

- **Aquatics/spa.** When pools or tubs are drained, the water is not discharged directly into a storm-water sewer or to a natural water body.

- **Marinas.** Signs are posted to alert marina patrons about sensitive vegetation or wildlife in area.

- **Equestrian.** We understand the need to prevent excess nutrients from manure from reaching water bodies and have policies in place to prevent nutrients from reaching surface waters.

- **Shooting club.** Lead shot has never been used on the premises, or we are making efforts to remove spent lead shot from the facility.

An environmental performance index is calculated for each component of the club. The audit eventually provides a total score to rate the club's overall environmental performance. It also highlights strengths and opportunities to improve environmental performance.

CMAA developed the audit so that club facilities can demonstrate a proactive approach to fulfilling their obligation to preserve and enhance the environment.

In the introduction to the audit itself, CMAA Executive Vice President/Chief Executive Officer James Singerlmg writes: "In the past decade, CMAA club managers have become increasingly concerned with environmental issues. Managers recognize that understanding and managing the impact of the club operation on the surrounding environment is vital to protecting that environment, preserving the natural beauty of a facility, and making positive contributions to the communities they serve."

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