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Report Tells How Golf Fares in Open Space Race

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Demand for all forms of outdoor recreation will increase at an unprecedented pace during the next 25 years and the role of county recreation will grow dramatically because of this. This is the theme of a study entitled, "The Race For Open Space," just released by the park, recreation and open space project of the Tri-State N. Y. Metropolitan region.

Increased demand will result because of these factors: The housewife, as well as her husband, has more leisure; teenagers have more cars and more mobility than ever before; larger numbers of older people are retiring at an earlier age when they still have many active years ahead. All these things point to more participation in golf, swimming, boating and similar activities with greater frequency than just weekends and because of a widespread desire to have facilities within 15 or 20 minutes of the home.

To meet these needs, the project has set a standard of 12 acres of county parks for every 1,000 of the county's 1985 population or 5 per cent of the county's total area, whichever is greater. The project suggests the following distribution for the 12 acres: swimming and beach, 1 acre; picnicking, 3; golf, 2; organized games

and specialized activities, $\frac{3}{4}$; boating, $\frac{1}{4}$; natural area activities, 5. The project recommends an increase in county and state parks from their present 122,000 acres for the Tri-State Metropolitan region to 560,000 acres by 1985.

Says the project report in part: "Golf has a special importance. It is enjoying a dramatic growth in popularity. Demand has become legendary. Course waiting times are announced over the radio. All public courses in the Region report that they are played up to and beyond their capacity on weekends."

A survey of courses was recently made by the open space project officials for the Tri-State N. Y. Met region (it extends in a radius of roughly 50 miles from mid-Manhattan and includes 22 counties in N. Y., Conn. and N. J.) in cooperation with the Metropolitan GA and National Golf Foundation. Results of the survey:

There are 268 courses in the region utilizing 43,933 acres. Privately owned courses number 226. This is in line with the national averages as Foundation records show that about 85 percent of the nation's courses are privately owned.

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