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avoid mowed steep slopes adjacent to bunkers and ponds

- + Design to limit active maintainable turf areas to 90 acres or less for the typical 18 hole course
- + Consider labor cost, material costs and the use of energy overtime
- + Use on-site materials and recycled materials when possible
 - + Use low input turf grasses

As golf course architects I think we must look ahead and envision our golf designs 25, 50 and maybe even 100 years from now. If we have truly succeeded in achieving sustainable design, our courses will have survived essentially unchanged. I think also as golf course architects and golf course superintendents we have an obligation to the future players of the game to develop and maintain golf courses that will not be viewed upon as excessive, wasteful or damaging to the environment.

(Editor's Note: Part III of this 3-part series of articles from Garrett Gill will be printed in the March 2005 issue of Hole Notes and will focus on golf participation, management philosophies and legal issues.)

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