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AT JULY FIELD DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

## TROE Center Groundbreaking

*Signals New Effort to Improve Grasses*

The College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences broke ground for the new Turf Research, Outreach and Education Center on Thursday, July 25.

The Turf Center will be a living laboratory. Sample plots will simulate grass-growing conditions on residential lawns, sport fields and golf courses. It will also serve as an outdoor laboratory for students preparing for turf management careers including golf course superintendents, park supervisors or sports turf managers. to better prepare these students for their careers, the turf center will have an outdoor teaching laboratory.

Researchers are developing new grasses and studying various management techniques to make lawn care and turf



**BREAKING GROUND AT THE NEW TROE CENTER** are, from left to right, Dr. Don White, Larry Vetter, Dr. Carl Rosen, Dr. Brian Horgan, Bev Durgan, Dr. Phil Larsen, Greg Hubbard, CGCS, and Paul Eckholm, CGCS. The MGCSA donated \$25,000 towards the TROE Center Endowment Fund. (See photo on Page 11)

management more environmentally friendly. A unique feature of the facility will be a 25,000 square foot golf green designed to U.S. Golf Association standards. A sketch of the 16-acre site and more details about the turf program is available at <http://www.turf.umn.edu>.

"Growing grass this far north is a challenge. The TROE Center will be a tool to meet that challenge and build on the legacy of the University of Minnesota as a leader in developing grasses adapted to the north-

ern climate," said Charles C. Muscoplat, Vice President and Dean, College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences.