

## Property at a glance

**Location:** Leisure World, Silver Spring, MD

**Staff:** The Brickman Group, Ltd.

**Category:** Condominium, Apartment Complex or Planned Community

**Total budget:** Not provided

**Year site built:** 1966

**Acres of turf:** 160

**Acres of woody  
ornamentals:** 8

**Acres of display beds:** 1

**Total paved area:** 50 acres

**Total man-hours/week:** Not provided

## Maintenance challenges

- ▶ Entire site snow removal
- ▶ Care of all native and ornamental trees
- ▶ 24-hour responsibility on site

## Project checklist

(Completed in last two years):

- ▶ Design and installation of Cascade sunken garden
- ▶ Design and installation of wildlife nature garden

## On the job

- ▶ 7 full-time staff, 15 to 20 seasonal employees, 1 licensed pesticide operator

# Leisure World

## The 1999 Grand Award Winner of the Professional Grounds Management Society for Planned Community

Visitors to Leisure World of Maryland know they aren't in Kansas any more when they're greeted by a steel cage replica of the Earth tilted on its axis at the entranceway. But the empty steel ball pales in comparison to the 800 acres of landscape heaven inside this community of more than 8,000 senior citizens.

One of the original, planned senior citizen towns developed on the East Coast in the mid-1960s, its 22 separate communities provide a challenge to the on-site contractor, The Brickman Group, Ltd. Project director Brad Johns and his crew have to respect the tastes and priorities of each member of the Board of Directors regarding horticultural practices and indi-

vidualized landscape installations.

The grounds maintenance crew handles turf management, four flower rotations, shrubbery and tree care, and 24-hour responsibility for snow removal and emergency tree removal. In addition to more than 20 crew members and three graduate horticulturists, the community has a contract administrator who acts as a liaison between the property owners and contractor.

After determining schedules for more than 150 acres of turf mowing, months of leaf removal, composting of a densely wooded site and snow removal for more than 55 miles of streets, curbs and walkways, this is one tired crew.

▶ (top left) High rise portions of the community vie for recognition for the showiest seasonal color.

▶ (top right) A newly installed nature garden offers an attraction to butterflies and any visiting grandchildren.

▶ The famous globe at Leisure World marks the main highway entrance to the community and is expected to be dramatic in its floral arrangement.

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