

# Choosing a Location

*What is a successful golf course? It is a magnificent place where players would toil at and excel at a game that enthalls them. They want to come back for more...and more...and they would talk to others who would want to come to that place and get hooked on the magic of your course.*

*The real estate mantra: location...location... location is never more true than when deciding on where to build a golf course. Location and visibility are the most important features to consider. Most golfers first feast with their eyes, taking in the rolling undulations, the colors, the challenges and the tease in the slope of a green wondering how those luring places would test them. That is what brings them there, the thrill to walk in that place and to see if they measure up to the challenge against nature and their own minds.*

*The natural characteristics of the site should be carefully considered when choosing a location. The game is, after all, an outdoor experience and planning should include keeping as many as possible of the natural aspects on the site, while creating a course that would be both enjoyable and challenging. Trees and water are important in this choice because it could be very cost effective on a site where they already are there. Cost of the land is also important, but should not be the ultimate deciding factor. The successful course is the one that is researched completely before construction starts and this will lead to a spectacular golf environment in a suitable market base that would bring players back – repeatedly – and ultimately afford the cost of the land.*

*In order to make the best possible choice for a site, it would be necessary to do your homework and get input – from the community, the authorities governing the land you want to acquire, and also from professionals such as environmental scientists, civil engineers and landscape architects. Their input should provide you with information like historical or archaeological considerations, environmental*

*concerns, protective tree ordinances, endangered species, etc. Obtaining soil maps and talking to the local planning department is inexpensive and will provide you with permitting information.*

*The bottom line is research, input and planning. **Professional Turf Maintenance** offers you total assistance in every one of these aspects.*



## PLANNING

- Location
- Visibility
- Access
- Aerial Photographs
- Agencies that holds Jurisdiction
- Archaeological Issues
- Available Acres (How much of that is usable)
- Available Water (Natural Sources as well as Water Rights)
- Easements
- Environmental Issues
- Flood Maps
- Future Roads
- Geology
- Historical Issues
- Soil Maps
- Title Search
- Topography
- Tree Surveys
- Trees (Bearing in mind City and County Ordinances)
- Uniqueness – making use of all natural features
- Utilities
- Zoning Requirements
- To name a few...