

Planning

The golf course architect has to understand the golfer's mind...

While studying a hole from the tee, the golfer often plans the strokes in his mind, making club selection and deciding where would be the best place to aim for. When designing a golf course, the golf course architect goes through that same planning process, making some holes more challenging than others by placing a hazard exactly where that tee shot might go.

*Even the best intentions will be lost unless planning is paramount in the process. The first step in that process would be analyzing the site and drawing up a development plan. Site analysis plays a very important role in this process. The skill of the architect can make or break the process at this stage by recognizing potential problems in the design when it is not compatible with the actual site. With the assistance of **Professional Turf Maintenance**, this stage can be easily navigated.*

*The next step would be to produce a site plan – an actual scaled plan for the project. At this stage of the process, all environmental studies and wetland information should already be well researched, and the plan should include all elements planned on the course, their size and shape and the layout. Again the skill and experience of the architect will be enhanced by **Professional Turf Maintenance** to ensure a successful outcome. The golf course architect will at this stage work with other professionals, such as engineers, architects and planners and decide together on how to work the golf course features into the other design aspects of the project, such as*

*clubhouse, parking and roads. Possible conflicts may arise between the various professionals at this junction, but through experience **Professional Turf Maintenance** have gained, we can ensure the end goal will always be the deciding factor.*

From this site plan and the input from all the professionals involved, a final Master Plan is put together which will include all amendments, showing a working drawing of the site including everything that is planned for the development. However, the construction process is lengthy and various factors might necessitate changes to that final master plan, and there is a need for flexibility in both your financial plan as well as the design.

*In short, **Professional Turf Maintenance** will take care of every aspect of planning on your behalf.*



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- Wetland Maps
- Flood Plains
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- Fire Station Zones
- School Zones
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- Boundaries