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Design With Maintenance In Mind

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when building or renovating a golf course.

Golf course architects are tasked with creating aesthetic layouts that provide an enjoyable experience for golfers. While some features may be more appealing than others, they sometimes can be detrimental to turf health or costly and difficult to maintain. Therefore, it is important to balance the design goals of a construction or renovation project with the long-term goals and budget of the golf course. This article provides some guidelines that should be considered to help optimize playing conditions and control long-term maintenance costs

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Capital improvements can have a drastic impact on how a golf course looks and plays; prudent planning will ensure only the most positive of results. Consider some of the improvements detailed in this USGA photo gallery. Although they require varying degrees of investment, each offers opportunities to improve playing conditions and sustainability.

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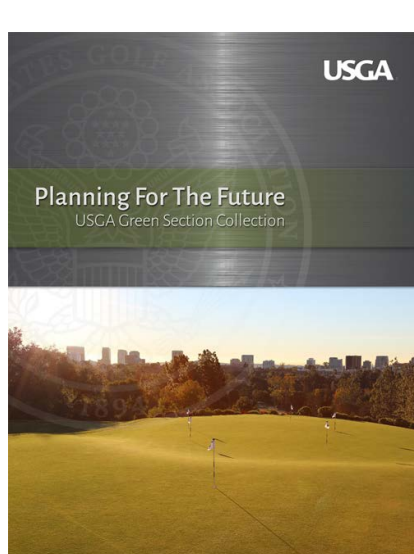


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Planning takes a lot of time and effort, but a facility-wide master plan can ease the difficulty of planning individual projects by guiding their alignment with overall facility goals. The staff at Bel-Air Country Club have had a master plan in place for nearly 20 years. The advice they have to offer might make the planning process seem a little less overwhelming.

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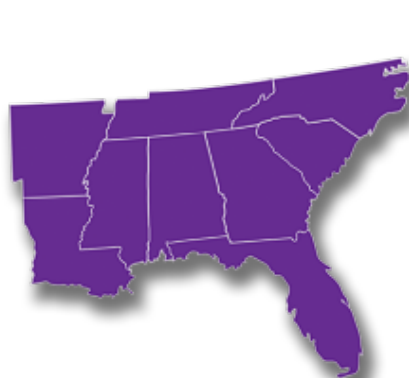

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