



PROJECT FUNDS REQUESTED: \$835,243

New Hope Village Golf Course

A fixture of the community. A regional asset.

The New Hope Village Golf Course is a public nine-hole, par three, 27-acre golf course. Initially opened in the 1960s by private investors, the City of New Hope purchased the course in 1971.

The New Hope Village Golf Course offers affordable golf opportunities for all ages and abilities. The beautifully managed and maintained course draws golfers from throughout the Twin Cities metro area.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

IRRIGATION

The existing irrigation system dates back to the 1960s, with some components replaced over time. Due to the age of the piping, there are numerous failed or failing glue connections, plastic elbows and tees, shut-off (isolation) valves and quick couplers. Many sprinkler heads do not operate properly or effectively, leading to water loss and inefficient usage. Water conservation is critical; golf courses must prioritize efficient water use and conservation measures. Proposed improvements include replacing 17,350 feet of irrigation pipe, installing 270 new sprinkler heads, and implementing a new computerized central controller.

PAVED CART PATHS

Golf cart usage has increased significantly on the course. The existing gravel cart paths have developed numerous potholes, leading to safety concerns for riders, potential damage to the golf carts, and harm to the turf that is used as an alternative path when the gravel paths become impassable. To address these issues, we propose replacing 4,050 square feet of the current gravel path with a bituminous surface and adding an additional 2,040 square feet of new path.

COLD STORAGE

A new cold storage structure will extend the life of golf carts and other equipment while providing enhanced security. This 30'x40' facility will accommodate golf carts, turf maintenance tools, and various other equipment. The existing maintenance shop was originally built when the course had only two golf carts. Currently, the course operates a fleet of 18 carts.

IMPORTANCE OF PAR 3 GOLF COURSES

- Most important tool in growing the game of golf
- Best way to introduce the game of golf to new players
- Provide affordable golfing opportunities for everyone
- Can be enjoyed by all ages and skill levels

NEW HOPE'S REGIONAL MARKET POSITION

Standalone Par 3 Courses in the Twin Cities Metro Area

- New Hope Village Golf, New Hope
- Centerbrook Golf, Brooklyn Center
- Roseville Cedarholm, Roseville
- Mendota Heights Par-3, Mendota Heights
- Birnamwood Golf, Burnsville

PROGRAMS/SERVICES OFFERED

Open Golf: Offers a centralized regional location for golfers to meet.

Leagues: 558 league members from more than 50 metro area cities participate in juniors, seniors, mens and womens leagues.

Lessons: Affordable lessons geared towards beginners and juniors.

Tournaments/Outings: Regional small businesses, schools, non-profits, and families use the course as a centralized and affordable venue.

Events: The course hosts several city-sponsored events, including movies on the green, winter golf, paint and wine, and night golf.

Patio and Off-Season Clubhouse Rentals: A centralized metro area location perfect to host graduation and birthday parties, showers, team banquets, and youth and business organizations.

NEW HOPE DEMOGRAPHICS

- First-tier suburb of Minneapolis
- Total population: 21,986 residents
- Median age: 41.2
- 36% of residents are non-white

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2024 NEW HOPE GOLF COURSE STATISTICS

- 26,244 rounds of open golf (March 1 - Nov. 18, 2024)
- 30 juniors and beginning adult lesson participants
- 558 golf league participants from more than 50 Minnesota cities
- 26 golf tournaments/outings, including the Jr. PGA
- 54 patio/off-season clubhouse rentals

League registrations by city:

Maple Grove 90	Plymouth 82	New Hope 69	Brooklyn Park 43
Crystal 34	Golden Valley 28	Champlin 21	Robbinsdale 17
Minneapolis 13	Minnetonka 13		

Registered league members are also from:

Andover	Dayton	Little Canada	Rockford
Annandale	Eagan	Mahtomedi	Rogers
Anoka	East Bethel	Maple Plain	Shoreview
Blaine	Eden Prairie	Minnetrissa	Shorewood
Bloomington	Edina	Monticello	Sioux Falls
Brooklyn Center	Elk River	Mound	St. Anthony
Buffalo	Forest Lake	Mounds View	St. Louis Park
Champlin	Hamel	Osceola	St. Michael
Columbia Heights	Hanover	Osseo	St. Paul
Coon Rapids	Hopkins	Otsego	Victoria
Corcoran	Independence	Prior Lake	Wayzata
Cottage Grove	LaBelle	Ramsey	Woodbury

TESTIMONIALS

New Hope Golf Course has hosted a Minnesota PGA Junior Golf event ever since I started working for the PGA in 2003. They have always been an amazing host site for a 9-hole junior golf event on a Par 3 course. We call our 9-hole events hosted on Par 3 Courses Minny Tour events. This program has been getting bigger and bigger every year with over 600 juniors playing in this program in 2024. Juniors ages 12 and under are becoming one of the fastest-growing groups of golfers every year. More juniors are joining our program at this age and Par 3 courses have the smallest number of courses in the state. It is important to make sure we keep providing opportunities on these courses each year! Juniors come from around the state to play in this event each summer. We need to keep providing beginning golfers a place to start out and play!

Karla Hagen | Director of Junior Golf, Minnesota PGA

I'm writing in support of efforts to secure state bonding money to make improvements at New Hope Golf Course. We've been holding our annual golf fundraiser at New Hope for 13 years going on 14, because it's in a great centralized location and a tremendous value for our event. It's also an accessible and approachable course for all golfers, and doesn't intimidate those who are new to the sport. We are grateful to hold our fundraising event there every year.

Michelle McAteer | Women's Hockey Coach, Augsburg University

I have golfed in the weekly women's summer and fall leagues at New Hope Village Golf Course for over 40 years. It is a course that is fun and interesting for golfers of all abilities. The green fees are very affordable. The course location is excellent; it is a central location and easy access for all the women I have played with over the years, even though we have come from different areas of the Twin Cities (Buffalo, Bloomington, Plymouth and Maple Grove, to name a few few).

Judy Olson | Buffalo, MN

I've been playing league golf there for about 21-22 years. I drive the farthest of our foursome, coming from East Bethel, but it's worth the drive, centrally located, affordable and a fun spot to golf.

David Haataja | East Bethel, MN

My husband and I have been league members of this golf course for several years. It is a great course because it is affordable and a fun place to play for all levels. The fairways and greens are always well maintained and there are beautiful flowers planted throughout the course. It is centrally located and easy for everyone to get to.

Peg and Bob Heuer | Plymouth, MN

PROJECT COSTS

IRRIGATION	
Estimated Cost	\$850,500
Contingency (10%)	\$85,050
Subtotal	\$935,550
Indirect (20%)	\$187,110
Total	\$1,122,660
PAVED CART PATHS	
Estimated Cost	\$233,453
Contingency (20%)	\$46,691
Subtotal	\$280,144
Indirect (20%)	\$56,029
Total	\$336,173
COLD STORAGE	
Estimated Cost	\$146,981
Contingency (20%)	\$29,396
Subtotal	\$176,377
Indirect (20%)	\$35,276
Total	\$211,653
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	
\$1,670,486	

