



## **Park Advisory Board AGENDA**

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 - 5:00 PM  
Council Chambers, Easton Town Office  
14 S Harrison Street

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes.**
3. **Items by Director of Parks and Recreation**
4. **Items by Town Engineer**
5. **Remarks by Chairperson Disc Golf**
  - a. Disc Golf
6. **Items from Members of the Park Board**
7. **Public Comment**
8. **Next meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2026**
9. **Adjournment.**

**The public can access the meeting as follows:**

<https://www.eastonmd.gov/129/Agendas-Minutes>

Please note: There is a possibility of all or part of the meeting may be held in Closed Session.

**Important Dates:**

September 7, 2026 - Labor Day

September 21, 2026 - Town Council Meeting

September 22, 2026 - Park Advisory Board Meeting



*Easton*  
MARYLAND

# DISC GOLF UPDATE



# OVERVIEW


**DiscGolfPark**



**DiscGolfPark**


### Instructions for Building a DiscGolfPark

This guide contains detailed installation instructions for each DiscGolfPark product: DiscGolf target, InfoBoard, TeeSign and TeePad.

Installing DiscGolfPark products is easy and it takes a few hours to install the equipment for each hole. The time required depends on many factors: such as the soil type and tools available. The most time consuming part of the installation is building the tees.

### A Disc Golf Course Is Built in Three Phases

Our DiscGolfPark products are normally delivered in several parts. Course design is a project with many work phases. We want to deliver every phase in an excellent quality, which is why we have chosen the best subcontractors that match our high quality demands for DiscGolfPark products.

DiscGolf target, InfoBoard, TeeSigns and TeePads are delivered in the same shipment from the manufacturer. The course plan is delivered soon after course design by email. The printed graphics of the InfoBoard and both TeeSigns are usually delivered last.

**1. Phase**  
 • Course design

**2. Phase**  
 • Delivery of DiscGolfPark products  
 • Installation maps

**3. Phase**  
 • Delivery of maps  
 • Course ready for play

### 1st Phase: Course Design

The task of a course designer is to plan a course that meets customer's needs and it is as safe and interesting to play as possible in the selected area.

Before planning, the basis for the course design is discussed with the customer. After the design is done, the course designer presents the plan to the customer. The course designer marks the plan on a site and sends an installation map to the customer.

### 2nd Phase: Beginning Installation

Once the course designer has prepared his/her plan, the installation map and the course equipment have been delivered, installations can begin.

Even before receiving the course equipment, certain tasks can be completed. The ground work can be begun and the TeePad frames can be built. All DiscGolfPark products are installed according to the installation map and installation instructions.

### 3rd Phase: Delivery of Maps

Based on the course design, the InfoBoard and the TeeSigns will be equipped with illustrations of the course. They present the course information. Rules and distances are easy to describe on them. They will also include customer-specific details, such as information on course maintenance and possible sponsor logos.

When the information system has been approved by the customer, we proceed to the map delivery. Screens for attaching the maps will be provided in the shipment. After attaching the maps the course is ready for play!

- DiscGolfPark.com
- Course Design
- Budget = \$10k± for 18 holes

# InfoBoard

## InfoBoard Installation - Parts and Tools Needed

- InfoBoard panel: 31" metal body (sold in 2 metal sleeves, must be drilled and bolted into a regular delivery)
- Screws, bolts and nuts for body assembly and snap hardware (not used in regular delivery)
- Two concrete bases (or metal) and plastic lightning sockets (not included in regular delivery)
- Optional rock bases
- Digging tools
- 5 mm hex key (included in regular delivery)
- 6 mm hex key (included in regular delivery)
- Gravel

## Accessories

- Concrete base
- Rock base

Detailed installation instructions on the back side

The diagram shows the InfoBoard panel being installed into a hole in the ground. The panel is labeled 'InfoBoard' at the top and 'Back' at the bottom. It is shown being lowered into a hole that has been dug into the ground. The hole is labeled 'Hole' and 'Hole' at the top. The panel is shown being lowered into the hole, and the concrete bases are shown being placed around the panel. The lightning sockets are shown being placed into the panel. The diagram also shows the panel being secured with screws and bolts.

# InfoBoard

## Installation Phases

1. Dig two holes approx. 100 cm in depth and between 50 cm in width. The holes should be approx. 12 cm apart.
2. Put the concrete bases in the holes if you use that; otherwise by you self. In the holes inside the size 3 screws and the hex keys (the case 1 and 2 step 3).
3. Put 2 metal sleeves, 1 the basic version in (2) step 1 and 2, in inside the concrete bases.
4. Put the InfoBoard panel in the holes and use the 6 mm hex key. Tighten the bolts with the 6 mm hex key. The 6 mm hex key is in the basic version and the 6 mm hex key is in the basic version.
5. Attach the lightning sockets to the panel using the 6 mm hex key. (Watch out! usually 200 volt water can generate the voltage 10 kV!)

Photo 1 shows a person digging a hole in the ground with a shovel. The hole is approximately 100 cm deep and 50 cm wide. The photo is labeled with a large number '1' in the bottom right corner.

Photo 2 shows the concrete bases being placed into the holes. The photo is labeled with a large number '2' in the bottom right corner.

Photo 3 shows the lightning sockets being attached to the panel. The photo is labeled with a large number '3' in the bottom right corner.

## InfoBoard Installation on Rock

- Rock bases (20 cm x 20 cm x 10 cm) are used.
- 1. Put a 6 mm long solid pin for the 6 mm hex key into the hole and attach it from every corner. Buy 6 mm long pins in the 6 mm line and size.
- 2. Use the rock base using nuts for insuring.
- 3. Use a 6 mm long 10 mm pins that are 100 mm in length.
- 4. Tighten the bolts with a wrench.

- ## Installation Phases
- 1 Dig two holes approx. 1m x 1m, 50 cm in each direction at least 50 cm in width. The holes should be about 1/2 cm apart.
  - 2 Fill the concrete bases in the holes. If you use cast concrete by you self, you should make the size 10 cm x 10 cm and the walls are 1 cm thick. (also see phase 3)
  - 3 Fill the metal sleeves 1/2 the plastic with concrete. Do not mix it with the concrete bases.
  - 4 Place InfoBoard 2015 in the holes and adjust the legs of the height 1.5 m and 20 cm in the 8 cm hole, the 1.5 m hole in the 10 cm hole. Use the InfoBoard 2015.
  - 5 Adjust the InfoBoard 2015 in the holes using the 1/2 cm hole key. (Also see the InfoBoard 2015 manual, the 1/2 cm hole key is a 1/2 cm key).
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- ## InfoBoard Installation on Rock
- 1 Fill a hole and seal it with concrete. The hole should be 10 cm in diameter. The hole should be 10 cm in diameter. The hole should be 10 cm in diameter.
  - 2 Use the InfoBoard 2015 for installation.
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# TEE SIGN

## TeeSign

**TeeSign Installation - Parts and Tools Needed**

- Parts of the TeeSign (2): body and map plate (included in regular delivery)
- Bits and nuts for attaching the map plate (included in regular delivery)
- Concrete base (or mold) and a plastic socket for tightening (not included in regular delivery)
- Optional rock base
- 8 mm wrench (not included in regular delivery)
- 3 mm hex key (not included in regular delivery)
- Power drill with a 4-5 mm bit
- Digging tool
- Gravel

**Accessories**

- Concrete base
- Rock base

**Detailed installation instructions on the back side**

## TeeSign

### Installation Phases

1. Install the TeeSign far enough (at least 1.5 m) from the road so that it is clearly visible from the road when moving. The recommended installation location of the TeeSign is on the right-hand side of the road. It can also be located directly on the right-hand side of the road. Dig a hole that is 50 cm deep and 50 cm wide. Put the TeeSign into the hole.
2. Fill the hole with gravel or concrete. Using the TeeSign, press it into the ground. The TeeSign will be fixed in the ground. The TeeSign will be fixed in the ground. The TeeSign will be fixed in the ground.
3. Attach the power cable to the power socket. The power cable will be attached to the power socket. The power cable will be attached to the power socket. The power cable will be attached to the power socket.

### TeeSign Installation on Rock

• Rock base will be required separately.

1. Drill a hole into the rock. The hole should be 50 cm deep and 50 cm wide. The hole should be 50 cm deep and 50 cm wide. The hole should be 50 cm deep and 50 cm wide.
2. Insert the rock base into the hole. The rock base should be inserted into the hole. The rock base should be inserted into the hole. The rock base should be inserted into the hole.
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4. Tighten the rock base with a wrench.

- Height = 70cm = 2'-4"
- Footer Depth = 50cm = 1.8"

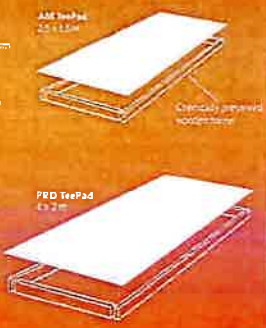
# TEE PAD

## TeePad

**TeePad Installation - Parts and Tools Needed**

- TeePad turf mat (included in regular delivery)
- Frame made of chemically pretreated wood of size 50x100 mm (recommended size: 2.5 x 1.5 m)
- 50 brass screws for nailing the frame and anchoring the turf mat (not included in regular delivery)  
Recommendation: 8 pcs 150 mm screws and 40 pcs 30 mm screws
- Digging tools (a spade recommended)
- Screwdriver
- Gravel / crushed stone (Ø 4-8 mm) for the base
- Sand (Ø 0.3-0.8 mm) for filling the turf mat
- Filling amounts:  
15-20 kg per square meter  
AM TeePad needs about 75 kg of sand and PRO TeePad about 160 kg

Detailed installation instructions on the back side.



## TeePad

**Installation Phases**

1. Remove soil in 20-30 cm depth on an area a bit larger than the TeePad so that you can fit the wooden frame on the surface level. Not a wall is too high to dig that deep if you're above 1 m the frame is a solid ground otherwise.
2. Build a wooden frame with a total dimension of 100 mm change (2000 mm) wide members. (PRO TeePad 1900 x 3900 mm, AM TeePad 1000 x 3100 mm)
3. Fit the frame steadily on a level surface and towards sinking direction. Fit the frame with gravel and sand tightly. Use in 2-3 mm more gravel in the small holes between the frames and moving into a screw. Use a small digging tool to push against the back.
4. Align the full height of the screw into the frame with a screwdriver. The frame extends 5 mm over each side of the frame.
5. Place gravel and sand on the TeePad so that the surface is 10 mm higher than the level of the TeePad.
6. Fill the turf mat surface with sand to about 10 mm and in the same way the TeePad is filled with sand. The sand makes the TeePad stable for 2 days by the sinking of the sand in the sand.



- AM TeePad
- Length = 2.5m = 8'-2"
- Width = 1.5m = 4'-11"
- [www.discgolfpark.com/discgolfpark/products/teepad/](http://www.discgolfpark.com/discgolfpark/products/teepad/)



## TEE PAD



# TEE PAD & SIGN



# TEE PAD & SIGN



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# DiscGolfPark® Target

## Installation Steps

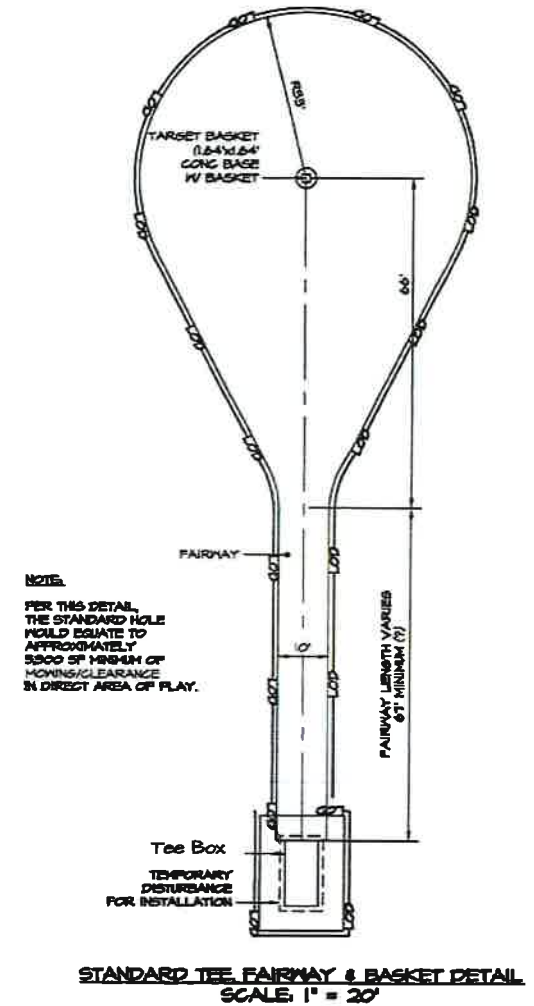
- 1 Dig a hole that is 50 cm deep and 50 cm wide. Put the **concrete base** in the hole.
- 2 If you cast the ready-made concrete base, put the sleeve in it. If you cast the concrete yourself, put the sleeve in concrete so that concrete doesn't get inside the sleeve.
- 3 Pull the pole in the sleeve and vent it right. Notice that the 10 mm gap in it must be placed to an atom from the pole in concrete by sliding down the elastic socket around the pole. Fill the hole with concrete (see [in the picture](#)).
- 4 Assemble the sleeve and the sleeve into the hole first with a cast of it, then attach the sleeve with a bolt and nut. Remember to attach the elastic ring on the top of the pole firmly. Tighten the bolts with the wrench.
- 5 The anchor can be part of the base is 80 cm from the ground (hole is 10 cm top, base of the sleeve is 1 cm in height) on the stem with 10 mm gap.

## DisCatcher Installation on Rock

- \* Rock base to be shown separately.
- 1 First, the rock base place to the rock base so that it can be attached from its every corner.
- 2 Level the rock base using nuts for instance.
- 3 You will need 10 mm bolts that are 30-100 mm in length.
- 4 Tighten the bolts with a wrench.



# TYPICAL HOLE LAYOUT



# COURSE LAYOUT



|                              | Existing |       |            | Proposed |       |            | Difference |       |
|------------------------------|----------|-------|------------|----------|-------|------------|------------|-------|
|                              | SF       | Acres | % of Total | SF       | Acres | % of Total | SF         | Acres |
| Unmowed Meadow               | 603,800  | 13.86 | 97.8%      | 562,650  | 12.92 | 91.1%      | -41,150    | -0.94 |
| <u>Interior Mowed Meadow</u> | 13,500   | 0.31  | 2.2%       | 54,650   | 1.25  | 8.9%       | 41,150     | 0.94  |
| Total Meadow                 | 617,300  | 14.17 |            | 617,300  | 14.17 |            |            |       |

Does not include perimeter maintenance strip as existing or proposed meadow

# SUMMARY

1. All holes avoid the oval track, rail trail, and playground
2. Players will need to walk across the oval track from basket 4 to Tee 5, and from Basket 5 to Tee 6
3. All tees have line of sight to the basket
4. Entire Meadow will be bush hogged in the Spring (typically in March) to cut any volunteer trees
5. Tees, Fairways, Basket Areas, and Paths between holes will be cut weekly similar to paths currently cut
6. If it is determined the Course should be removed, it will be relatively easy to be done by DPW
7. The Town has no plan to enlarge the course or add holes
8. ADA Accessibility and Compliance of the course will be explored

# QUESTIONS



# **DISC GOLF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT**

**PREPARED FOR:**

Town of Easton Mayor and Town Council

**PREPARED BY:**

Town of Easton Park Advisory Board

Town Staff:

Director of Parks and Recreation, Lorraine Gould

Town Engineer, Rick VanEmburch

Maintenance Division Manager, Billy Murdoch

**DATE OF ISSUANCE:**

August 25, 2026

**DOCUMENT VERSION:**

V1.0 (Final Draft)

Disc Golf – Easton, MD  
Findings and Recommendations Report  
August 25, 2026

## **Background**

The 2026 Easton, MD Parks and Recreation Annual Plan was created by the Parks Advisory Board (PAB) in collaboration with Town of Easton (TOE) staff and approved by the Town Council on November 17, 2025. One of the goals listed in the Annual Plan (pg. 5, last bullet) reads:

*“Hold a Disc Golf tournament in John F. Ford Park using temporary equipment to fundraise for a permanent course.”*

The disc golf goal was included for the following reasons:

- Town residents and the Town Council have repeatedly asked for more recreational programming in Easton parks.
- More recreational activities are needed for families and young adults in the TOE.
- Disc Golf is a highly inclusive, low cost/low maintenance, recreational activity.
- John Ford Park (JFP) can effectively house disc golf and is an underutilized community park.
- Occasional disc golf tournaments may provide benefits to the local economy.

A disc golf clinic was held in JFP on April 26, 2026, and a tournament was held the following weekend May 2-3, 2026.

For ease of readability, this report contains several addendums and attachments to supplement our recommendations. The additional documents describe various aspects of disc golf and our findings in more detail.

## **Assignment**

After receiving substantial public input, the Town Council asked the PAB and TOE staff to further research the merits of installing a disc golf course in Easton. Specifically, to:

- Evaluate potential TOE locations for suitability of housing a disc golf course.
- Develop conceptual layouts for each location deemed suitable.
- Provide recommendations based on the findings.

*{Please note only TOE owned sites were considered in this report as these fall within the purview of the PAB. If non-TOE owned sites are desired, they should be explored and negotiated directly by the interested parties}*

## **Recommendations**

- **Course location** *(reference Addendum 1)*

JFP is the most practical site in Easton to install a disc golf course.

- It has the finest space
- Is the least impactful to the main park area
- It has plenty of parking away from neighborhoods (County Education Center lot - Mt. Pleasant side – 54 spaces plus 4 ADA; front and cemetery side – 87 spaces plus 1 ADA)
- Is the most central/accessible location, connected to the rail trail
- It requires the least cost/effort/disruption to install and maintain
- It is an underutilized community park

## **Definitions**

- *A community park is a municipal or public recreational space designed to serve the active and passive needs of multiple neighborhoods, typically spanning 10 to 50 acres. It offers active and passive recreation facilities like sports fields, playgrounds, walking paths, and picnic areas to meet the diverse social and athletic needs of all age groups.*
- *A neighborhood park is a small, publicly accessible open space located within a residential area. It serves as the social and recreational center for people living nearby, usually within a comfortable walking or biking distance of a ¼ to a ½ mile radius. It is usually about 3 – 10 acres with fewer amenities than a community park.*

- **Conduct a 1-year pilot**

To better assess the merits of providing a disc golf course at JFP, we recommend running a one-year pilot, after which more permanent decisions can be made. The pilot will evaluate things such as:

- Environmental impact

- Safety issues
- Usage levels
- Any negative outcomes – noise, litter, complaints received, etc.
- Any positive outcomes – park enhancements, compliments received, etc.

TOE staff will be responsible for conducting the pilot assessment and reporting recommendations.

- **Course layout and design** (*reference Disc Golf Update presentation*)

#### General Information

- The Town has no plans to enlarge the course or add holes.
- For safety, all tees have line of sight to the basket
- All throwing lanes, from tees to baskets, will avoid the oval track, rail trail, and playground
- Players will walk across the oval track from basket 4 to tee 5 and basket 5 to tee 6
- Tees will be installed using a wooden frame with an artificial turf surface
- Baskets and signs will be installed using a small concrete base and mulch
- An information board will be installed at the beginning of the course and small signs depicting layouts will be installed at each hole. Signs will be installed using the same basic method as baskets.
- ADA accessibility and compliance for the course will be explored
- If it is determined the course should be removed, this can be done relatively easily by DPW

#### Meadow Information

- There are 14.17 acres of meadow in JFP. Currently, 13.86 acres are not mowed and .31 acres are mowed. If a disc golf course is installed, 12.92 acres of the meadow will not be mowed and 1.25 acres will be mowed.
- Hence the disc golf course will result in less than 1 additional acre (.94 ac) of the meadow being mowed.
- Consistent with current practice, the entire meadow will be bush hogged in the Spring (typically in April) to cut any volunteer trees or woody vegetation

- Tees, fairways, basket areas, and paths between holes will be mowed weekly consistent with how often paths are currently cut
- TOE will continue to maintain the JFP meadow as usual. DPW will continue to stay informed of and utilize best practices for meadow management

- **Cost Data**

- The total cost for course installation is approximately \$13,000
- The disc golf community has raised over \$8,000 that would be contributed to offset the \$13,000 installation cost
- Cost of maintenance would be negligible. It would be covered as part of current overall park maintenance
- TOE staff will determine a proper fee model and collect this from tournaments, events and/or as appropriate. The fee will be added to the TOE schedule of fees.

- **Community Awareness**

- The TOE will publicize the disc golf course as a new park amenity to promote community interest and participation.
- Tournament/special event notifications will be posted on social media and the TOE website.

## **Conclusion**

The PAB contends that JFP is the most feasible TOE location for disc golf. By running a 1-year pilot, with a course that can easily be removed, we can better assess the merits of having disc golf as a park amenity in Easton.

We feel that disc golf will provide a new beneficial recreational activity for Easton and that most, if not all, concerns will be allayed by enabling residents to experience it first-hand.

For the reasons noted in this report, we recommend that the TOE approve a 1-year pilot for disc golf at JFP.

## **Addendum 1 – Easton Parks and Greenspace Site Assessment Results**

PAB reps assessed 3 potential sites for disc golf in Easton using the Town Parks and Public Greenspace Assessment Tool. The 3 potential sites were JFP, Easton Point Park, and Easton Woodland Park. Attached are park assessments based on the site visits.

Additionally, noted below are general comments based on observations by members of the PAB who visited the sites:

### John Ford Park (Community Park - 58 acres)

- JFP has the highest quality, best compatible space – including acreage, restrooms, water fountains and primarily located away from the main park area
- Plenty of parking, using the County Education Center lot (Mt. Pleasant side – 54 spaces plus 4 ADA; front and cemetery side – 87 spaces plus 1 ADA)
- Most accessible and centrally located – on the rail trail and within safe walking and biking distance for a large portion of the town
- Would require the least cost/effort/disruption to install and maintain

### Easton Point Park (Community Park - 13 acres)

- The park does not contain sufficient acreage to effectively accommodate a disc golf course, especially with the planned future roads and amenities.
- A course would dominate the park.
- A moderately sized tournament would overrun the park.
- Combining the lot behind Phillips Wharf and off Port St, there may be sufficient parking
- The park is primarily assessable by car. Only a small percentage of residents could safely walk or bike.
- This is a waterfront park. Disc golf would not fit with the character of the park.
- No restrooms are available

### Easton Woodland (Community Park - 197 acres)

- There are too many unknowns at this time – when will the park be open, when will appropriate infrastructure go in, what is the overall vision and plan for the park, etc.

- Ducks Unlimited has partnered with TOE to obtain grant funding to construct a wetland area. The remaining land on-site will be essentially wooded forest.
- Installing a disc golf course would be more destructive environmentally here as significant tree cutting and clearing would need to occur to establish tees, fairways and holes
- Limited accessibility – only by car and a few nearby homes. Not conducive to walking or biking for most residents
- Limited parking – only a small 25-30 space parking lot is planned
- Tournaments would overrun the parking area

# Easton Point Park

## Town Parks and Public Greenspace Assessment Tool

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Each category shall be scored on a scale of 1–5, with higher scores indicating greater suitability.

| Category                                     | Description                                                             | Score (1-5) |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Acreage & Usable Space                    | Adequate acreage and uninterrupted playable area.                       | 2           |
| 2. Topography & Natural Features             | Terrain, wooded areas, and natural obstacles.                           | 2           |
| 3. Compatibility with Existing Park Uses     | Ability to integrate without negatively impacting existing uses.        | 1           |
| 4. Safety & Separation Buffers               | Separation from roads, fields, playgrounds, and residences.             | 2           |
| 5. Parking Availability                      | Availability and adequacy of existing parking facilities.               | 5           |
| 6. Accessibility & ADA Considerations        | Ease of public access and equitable use.                                | 3           |
| 7. Environmental Constraints                 | Wetlands, habitats, flood-prone areas, or other limitations.            | 3           |
| 8. Infrastructure & Maintenance Needs        | Infrastructure availability and maintenance burden.                     | 3           |
| 9. Visibility & Public Accessibility         | Visibility and ease of access.                                          | 3           |
| 10. Compatibility with Passive Recreation    | Compatibility with walking, nature observation, and passive recreation. | 1           |
| 11. Community & Neighborhood Support         | Support or concern expressed by residents and stakeholders.             | 3           |
| 12. Proximity to Residential Areas           | Accessibility while minimizing neighborhood impacts.                    | 2           |
| 13. Tourism & Economic Development Potential | Potential to attract visitors, tournaments, and economic activity.      | 2           |
| 14. Expansion & Tournament Potential         | Ability to accommodate future expansion and events.                     | 1           |
| 15. Overall User Experience & Park Character | Aesthetic appeal and overall recreational quality.                      | 1           |
| <b>TOTAL SCORE</b>                           |                                                                         | <b>34</b>   |

| Scoring Interpretation    | Scoring Scale                             |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 65-75 High Suitable       | 1 Poor / Significant Limitations          |
| 50-64 Moderately Suitable | 2 Below Average / Major Concerns          |
| 35-49 Limited Suitability | 3 Moderate / Acceptable with Modification |
| Below 35 Not Recommended  | 4 Good / Minor Concerns                   |
|                           | 5 Excellent / Highly Suitable             |

# Easton Woodland P/A

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| 5. Parking Availability                      | Availability and adequacy of existing parking facilities.               | N/A ?       |
| 6. Accessibility & ADA Considerations        | Ease of public access and equitable use.                                | N/A ?       |
| 7. Environmental Constraints                 | Wetlands, habitats, flood-prone areas, or other limitations.            | 3           |
| 8. Infrastructure & Maintenance Needs        | Infrastructure availability and maintenance burden.                     | 1           |
| 9. Visibility & Public Accessibility         | Visibility and ease of access.                                          | 1           |
| 10. Compatibility with Passive Recreation    | Compatibility with walking, nature observation, and passive recreation. | N/A ?       |
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| 2. Topography & Natural Features             | Terrain, wooded areas, and natural obstacles.                           | 4           |
| 3. Compatibility with Existing Park Uses     | Ability to integrate without negatively impacting existing uses.        | 4+          |
| 4. Safety & Separation Buffers               | Separation from roads, fields, playgrounds, and residences.             | TH 5 4+     |
| 5. Parking Availability                      | Availability and adequacy of existing parking facilities.               | TH 5        |
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| 10. Compatibility with Passive Recreation    | Compatibility with walking, nature observation, and passive recreation. | 5           |
| 11. Community & Neighborhood Support         | Support or concern expressed by residents and stakeholders.             | 3           |
| 12. Proximity to Residential Areas           | Accessibility while minimizing neighborhood impacts.                    | 4           |
| 13. Tourism & Economic Development Potential | Potential to attract visitors, tournaments, and economic activity.      | 3+          |
| 14. Expansion & Tournament Potential         | Ability to accommodate future expansion and events.                     | 5           |
| 15. Overall User Experience & Park Character | Aesthetic appeal and overall recreational quality.                      | 4           |
| <b>TOTAL SCORE</b>                           |                                                                         | <b>62</b>   |

| Scoring Interpretation    | Scoring Scale                             |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 65-75 High Suitable       | 1 Poor / Significant Limitations          |
| 50-64 Moderately Suitable | 2 Below Average / Major Concerns          |
| 35-49 Limited Suitability | 3 Moderate / Acceptable with Modification |
| Below 35 Not Recommended  | 4 Good / Minor Concerns                   |
|                           | 5 Excellent / Highly Suitable             |

## **Category Evaluation Guidance**

### **1. Acreage & Usable Space**

- 1: Insufficient acreage; severe spatial limitations.
- 3: Moderate space with design compromises required.
- 5: Ample acreage supporting full course design and future flexibility.

### **2. Topography & Natural Features**

- 1: Flat, featureless terrain with limited play value.
- 3: Some usable natural features.
- 5: Diverse terrain with strong natural course design opportunities.

### **3. Compatibility with Existing Park Uses**

- 1: Significant conflicts with existing uses.
- 3: Some manageable operational conflicts.
- 5: Highly compatible with minimal interference.

### **4. Safety & Separation Buffers**

- 1: Significant safety concerns and user conflicts.
- 3: Moderate buffering achievable with design modifications.
- 5: Excellent separation and safe layout opportunities.

### **5. Parking Availability**

- 1: Insufficient parking capacity.
- 3: Adequate parking with occasional limitations.
- 5: Ample existing parking supporting regular and event use.

### **6. Accessibility & ADA Considerations**

- 1: Difficult public access; limited accessibility opportunities.
- 3: Moderately accessible with improvement needs.
- 5: Highly accessible with strong ADA accommodation potential.

### **7. Environmental Constraints**

- 1: Significant environmental limitations.
- 3: Moderate constraints requiring mitigation.
- 5: Minimal environmental impact concerns.

### **8. Infrastructure & Maintenance Needs**

- 1: Major infrastructure deficiencies and high maintenance burden.
- 3: Moderate improvements needed.
- 5: Existing infrastructure supports low-maintenance implementation.

### **9. Visibility & Public Accessibility**

- **1:** Difficult to locate or access.
- **3:** Moderately visible and accessible.
- **5:** Highly visible and easy to access.

#### **10. Compatibility with Passive Recreation**

- **1:** Significant disruption to passive uses.
- **3:** Shared use manageable with planning.
- **5:** Strong coexistence with passive recreation activities.

#### **11. Community & Neighborhood Support**

- **1:** Significant opposition or unresolved concerns.
- **3:** Mixed community feedback.
- **5:** Strong community and stakeholder support.

#### **12. Proximity to Residential Areas**

- **1:** Poor accessibility or high neighborhood conflict potential.
- **3:** Moderate neighborhood access with manageable concerns.
- **5:** Conveniently located with minimal anticipated impacts.

#### **13. Tourism & Economic Development Potential**

- **1:** Minimal regional attraction potential.
- **3:** Some local tournament/event opportunities.
- **5:** Strong destination and economic activity potential.

#### **14. Expansion & Tournament Potential**

- **1:** No room for expansion or organized events.
- **3:** Limited expansion opportunities.
- **5:** Strong capacity for tournament play and future growth.

#### **15. Overall User Experience & Park Character**

- **1:** Limited recreational appeal.
- **3:** Average user experience.
- **5:** Exceptional recreational and aesthetic experience.

## **Addendum 2 – Findings from nearby disc golf courses**

We contacted 3 nearby parks (Tuckahoe, Snow Hill and Salisbury) to determine their experience with disc golf. All 3 park officials were extremely positive about disc golf. Attached are e-mails from each official responding to a short questionnaire.

### Tuckahoe Course Visit By PAB

On May 31, 2026, members of the PAB visited Tuckahoe State Park to get a first-hand look at the disc golf course and its operation. A tournament had just concluded when we arrived, but players were still using the course. Here is a summary of our observations:

- The course was very clean and quiet.
- The holes typically had clear lines of sight.
- Non-players could walk the course safely
- Tee boxes were made of pavers. Baskets were secured with a concrete base
- Professional looking signs were posted at each tee to diagram hole design
- The course did not appear to damage the environment at all. In fact, players informed us that they help park staff clean up the area and invasive growth through volunteer work events.



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**Fwd: Disc Golf Questions**

2 messages

Billy Murdoch &lt;bmurdoch@eastonmd.gov&gt;

Mon, Jun 15, 2026 at 2:52 PM

To: Tom Klein [REDACTED]

Cc: Rick VanEmburch &lt;rvanemburch@eastonmd.gov&gt;, Lorraine Gould &lt;lgould@eastonmd.gov&gt;, lesterbrophy &lt;lesterbrophy@gmail.com&gt;

Tom

Please find the attached answers from Tuckahoe.

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From: Jessica Conley &lt;jessica.conley@maryland.gov&gt;

Date: Mon, Jun 15, 2026 at 11:24 AM

Subject: Re: Disc Golf Questions

To: &lt;bmurdoch@eastonmd.gov&gt;

Cc: Debbie McNeil -DNR- &lt;debbie.cooper@maryland.gov&gt;, Mark B Herring -DNR- &lt;mark.herring@maryland.gov&gt;

Good morning and thank you for reaching out. Our management team has reviewed your questions and hopes our responses provide some insight into our experiences here at Tuckahoe.

**Has the disc golf course been a success and if so, why?**

Yes, it has been an overwhelming success. Our course has been active since 2006 and has consistently drawn a reliable base of respectful, community-minded visitors to the park. It is highly successful because it is inherently family-friendly, low-barrier to entry, and fosters a deep appreciation for the outdoors. It naturally creates a community of stewards—people who love the park and actively work to keep it clean, safe, and protected.

**What drawbacks/negative impacts has disc golf brought?**

The main operational drawback has been localized foot traffic erosion along the fairways. Typical outdoor trash is rare because users in our park heavily adhere to "pack it in, pack it out" values. We installed a "trash-free" bag station with a sign directing users to the nearest dumpster and have not had any further litter issues.

**How many acres does your disc golf course consume?**

A typical 18-hole disc golf course uses roughly 12-15 acres, depending on how heavily wooded it is. At Tuckahoe, the course is integrated seamlessly into our existing multi-use landscape in the Cherry Lane section, utilizing space that doesn't conflict with main camping or boating facilities and measures about 32 acres of previously unused early successional forest. Generally, course size appears highly flexible and variable.

**How many tournaments do you host annually and does the park receive any compensation for this? If so, how does that work?**

We host roughly 4 to 6 formal tournament events annually, alongside regular casual league nights (like our Thursday Night Doubles). Yes, the park receives compensation. This is typically structured through our standard Special Use Permit (SUP) system or funneled through our "Friends Of" group. A percentage of the event's registration proceeds is revenue that goes directly back into the park's general maintenance. We have also allowed tournaments to raise funds for specific course needs. For instance we needed a new bulletin board and baskets -- the users generously raised funds and donated time and materials. Our 'regular' tournament organizers and faithful course users volunteer thousands of hours maintaining the park annually -- It is really quite impressive and invaluable. Finally, our concessions program (campstore,

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boathouse and visitor's center) sells discs and profits that way. I do not have figures on tourism value but it is a contributor to the local economy.

### **How many people typically participate in your tournaments?**

Depending on the tier and format of the event (singles vs. doubles), we see anywhere from 30 to 72 players per tournament. Many disc golfers use an app to keep score -- I am attaching last year's statistics to this email. Keep in mind this only tracks app users, not all course users.

### **Do you feel tournaments have been successful - any drawbacks?**

They have been very successful for community building and local tourism, bringing in players from all over the Eastern Shore and beyond. The only real drawback is temporary parking congestion near the course trailhead on tournament mornings, which we handle via staff coordination and designated overflow parking areas. We appreciate that the sport is approachable to all demographics regardless of age, disability, or income (low investment in 'gear').

### **How many people typically use the disc golf course daily, when a tournament is not occurring?**

On an average weekday, we see about 10 to 20 casual players. On a nice weekend, that number easily climbs to 40 to 60+ players throughout the day, including families, youth groups, and solo travelers passing through. Keep in mind that these numbers are probably skewed much higher than other local courses simply because ours is expansive/wooded and located within our campground.

### **Have you had any bystander injuries as a result of your disc golf? If so, to what extent and what would you do to mitigate this?**

We have not had any bystander injuries recorded in the course's 20 years that we are aware of (park rangers are First Responders so all incidents are logged). To mitigate the inherent risk of a stray disc hitting a non-player, our course design tries to keep fairways well away from high-traffic multi-use trails, roads, and playgrounds. To prevent issues in general, clear signage at a park entrance and near overlapping areas warning pedestrians ("Caution: Disc Golf Area") is the most effective approach.

### **What environmental impacts has disc golf brought? What ways do you use to reduce the environmental impact from disc golf?**

- **Impacts:** The primary environmental impacts are soil compaction around the tee boxes and baskets.
- **Mitigation:** Disc golf is highly compatible with natural open areas like meadows and woods. To minimize our footprint, we transitioned to stable, permanent tee pads (patio pavers) to prevent muddy erosion zones. We also work closely with a volunteer "Adopt-a-Hole" program where local players actively clear dead brush, remove invasive species and host volunteer clean-up days to ensure the local flora and fauna are respected.

### **Did you encounter community resistance to installing a disc golf course and if so, how did you approach that?**

Any initial resistance usually comes from a lack of familiarity with the sport—people sometimes worry it will be loud, destructive, or take over the park. We approached this by demonstrating that disc golf's footprint is incredibly low compared to traditional ball golf or paved sports fields. Inviting community members to see a layout and highlighting that the player demographic is overwhelmingly peaceful families and outdoor enthusiasts helped clear up those misconceptions quickly.

From an equity standpoint, disc golf provides invaluable recreational access for low-income families and adaptive/disabled individuals. Unlike traditional sports that require expensive gear, league fees, or intense physical conditioning, disc golf is free to play, cheap to start, and highly accommodating to various physical abilities. It turns the park into a truly inclusive space where socioeconomic status and physical limitations aren't barriers to staying active.

### **On a scale of 1-5 (1 being fantastic), how would you rate your experience and satisfaction level with having a disc golf course?**

**1 (Fantastic).** It adds tremendous recreational value to the park with minimal capital investment or ongoing maintenance costs required from the state. We've found that activating park space with positive recreation is the best natural defense against illicit use. When everyday families and outdoor enthusiasts utilize a space, they establish a welcoming presence that discourages vandalism and neglect, proving that those who love the outdoors will actively care for it.

We have been so impressed with the course's effects that we are hoping to someday install one up in one of our northern facilities (Kent County) where we have a 'new' park. We feel disc golf is a perfect local recreational addition compatible with our meadow habitat restoration work there.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Best,

**Jessica R. Conley**

State Park Ranger Supervisor

Maryland Park Service

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On Mon, Jun 15, 2026 at 10:12 AM Billy Murdoch <[bmurdoch@eastonmd.gov](mailto:bmurdoch@eastonmd.gov)> wrote:

Hi Mark, Debbie, and Jessica,

Thank you for connecting us.

We are currently working to install a disc golf course here in Easton. Could you please review and complete the attached questionnaire? Your feedback will be invaluable in helping us address resident concerns and ensuring the project's success.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Best regards,

Billy Murdoch

On Mon, Jun 15, 2026 at 10:07 AM Mark Herring <[mark.herring@maryland.gov](mailto:mark.herring@maryland.gov)> wrote:

Hello Billy,

Per our conversation, tagged in this email are our Park Manager Debbie Hughes and Assistant Manager Jessica Conley, who can answer the questions about the disc golf course that the town of easton has.

Thanks in advance,

--Mark

**Mark Herring**

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To: Billy Murdoch <[bmurdoch@eastonmd.gov](mailto:bmurdoch@eastonmd.gov)>

Cc: Rick VanEmburch <[rvanemburch@eastonmd.gov](mailto:rvanemburch@eastonmd.gov)>, Lorraine Gould <[lgould@eastonmd.gov](mailto:lgould@eastonmd.gov)>, lesterbrophy <[lesterbrophy@gmail.com](mailto:lesterbrophy@gmail.com)>

Mon, Jun 15, 2026 at 5:27 PM

Perfect. Thanks Billy.

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## Disc Golf

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**Kelly Rados** <krados@worcestermd.gov>

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Cc: Jacob Stephens &lt;jstephens@worcestermd.gov&gt;, Darcy Billetdeaux &lt;dbilletdeaux@worcestermd.gov&gt;

Hi Lorraine -

I'd be more than happy to help! I have provided responses to all of your questions within your email below. I have also copied our Parks Superintendent, Darcy Billetdeaux and Deputy Director, Jacob Stephens on this email in case you have any follow up questions. They are more of the resident experts on the course.

We'd like to invite you to come visit and see the course in person if you are interested and feel that would be helpful. We are more than happy to give you a tour.

Good luck with your project and let us know if we can be of any additional assistance.

**Kelly O'Brien-Rados****Director of Recreation & Parks**

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**From:** Lorraine Gould <lgould@eastonmd.gov>**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2026 12:31 PM**To:** Kelly Rados <krados@worcestermd.gov>**Subject:** Disc Golf

Hello Kelly,

I am the Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Easton. We are looking to implement a disc golf course in one of our parks and the Park Advisory Board and I have a few questions for someone who already has a course. I really appreciate it.

1) Has the disc golf course been a success and if so, why? Yes, I feel that it has been successful. It provides an additional amenity at our park that does get a lot of usage. We also use this course for an activity with our

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after-school program and summer camps. The biggest promotion of the course comes through word of mouth and disc golf apps that people use to find new courses and keep track of scores.

2) How many acres does your disc golf course consume? I believe it's about 18-19 acres

3) How many tournaments do you host annually and does the park receive any compensation? We have not run any tournaments ourselves. There is a disc golf club in our area that showed up two different times and ran a tournament without our knowledge/permission. We did communicate with them and for their next tournament they reserved the course, similar to renting a field.

4) Do you feel tournaments have been successful? N/A

5) Have you had any bystander injuries as a result of disc golf? If so, to what extent, and what would you do to mitigate this? We have not had any bystander injuries. The way that our course is setup it is off to the side of our property and isn't run within our park so there is slim to little chance of this occurring.

6) Did you encounter community resistance to installing a disc golf course? No, we did not. People were more excited for the new amenity and to try something that haven't done before. If so, how did you approach it?

7) What environmental impacts has disc golf brought? What methods do you use to reduce the environmental impact of disc golf? I don't feel there has been any negative environmental impacts. We use permeable materials for the tee boxes.

8) On a scale of 1-5 (1 being fantastic) how would you rate your experience and satisfaction level with having a disc golf course? I'd say a 1! Even though we do a limited number of tournaments, we feel it's very successful through passive recreational play.

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## Disc Golf Course Questions

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Cc: Brian Workman <bworkman@wicomicocounty.org>

Wed, Jun 24, 2026 at 4:44 PM

Lorraine,

My apologies for the delay. Brian shared your email with me when you first sent, my fault for not getting back with you sooner. Answers below.

- 1) Has the disc golf course been a success and if so, why? Yes very successful - daily use 7 days a week from very passionate Disc Golf Community. Easy access and intro to a new sport for general community that is low entry cost. The Disc Golf club locally has been a huge help in keeping the park maintained, clean, and doing projects to upgrade the park.
- 2) How many acres does your disc golf course consume? The park itself is 11 acres. The disc golf course is spread throughout that 11 acres. You could make it work on much less ground but for an 18 hole course it is spread out nicely.
- 3) How many tournaments do you host annually and does the park receive any compensation? We have non profits in the area that hold roughly 4 per year. They do rent the park so we do receive some revenue.
- 4) Do you feel tournaments have been successful? Yes they have had great participation and positive impact.
- 5) Have you had any bystander injuries as a result of disc golf? If so, to what extent, and what would you do to mitigate this? Not that I am aware of but I am sure that it has happened at some point that someone has been hit by a errant disc.
- 6) Did you encounter community resistance to installing a disc golf course? If so, how did you approach it? We did not receive resistance. This was installed prior to my start with the department more than 15 years ago but it has never produced negative reaction in that time.
- 7) What environmental impacts has disc golf brought? What methods do you use to reduce the environmental impact of disc golf? If anything it has been a real positive. The people playing are responsible and have cleaned up more trash then they have left.
- 8) On a scale of 1-5 (1 being fantastic) how would you rate your experience and satisfaction level with having a disc golf course? 1.

Andy Kitzrow your new town Manager may have been around with our department whenever Schumaker park disc golf course was installed, or it may have even predated him. He could give you some good insight as to his experience with our department and this park.

Hope this is helpful.

Thanks,

James Simmons

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**From:** Brian Workman <[bworkman@wicomiconcounty.org](mailto:bworkman@wicomiconcounty.org)>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2026 12:54 PM

**To:** James Simmons <[jimmmons@wicomiconcounty.org](mailto:jimmmons@wicomiconcounty.org)>

**Subject:** Fwd: Disc Golf Course Questions

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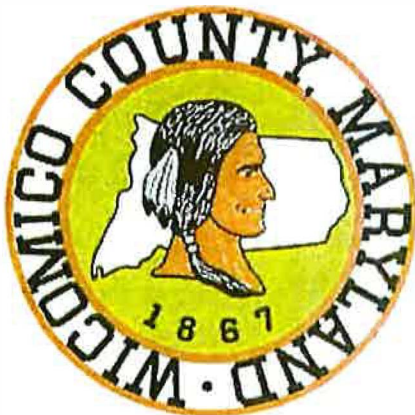
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**Subject:** Re: Disc Golf Course Questions

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### **Addendum 3 – TOE Citizen Input Received**

Following the May 2026 TOE tournament, many citizen letters were received both for and against disc golf in JFP. In addition, numerous public comments were made at the May 18, 2026, Town Council meeting and the May, June and July 2026 PAB meetings.

Following is a brief synopsis of citizen input received/considered:

#### Opposed

- In favor of disc golf, but not in JFP.
- Concerns about harm to the meadow, wildlife and environment
- Concerns about disturbing the tranquility of the park
- Concerns about the course layout, expansion and safety
- Concerns about parking

#### In Favor

- Public parks should serve a broad range of residents and recreational interests
- Provides fun, low cost, healthy activity
- Promotes social cohesion among families, friends and people of all ages
- Brings foot traffic to an underused public park and increases the safety of the area.
- Low-cost course installation and maintenance
- Often draws traveling players who can provide economic benefits especially when tournaments are hosted.

#### Informal Survey

Interesting to note, Michael Brophy, Chair of the PAB, randomly/verbally surveyed over 100 people in Easton asking them 3 questions:

- Do you know of JFP?
- Have you ever visited JFP?
- Are you familiar with disc golf and if so, would you like to see it here in Easton

It was noted that over 90% of respondents did not know where JFP is located and 100% were fine with installing a disc golf course.

## **Addendum 4 – Best Practices for Meadow Maintenance**

Effective meadow maintenance requires a strategic approach focused on annual mowing, weed management, and soil preservation to ensure native wildflowers and grasses thrive. TOE implements the following best practices tailored to the Eastern Shore region:

### **Mowing Schedule**

TOE mows the meadow once a year in early spring (typically April).

### **Deck Height**

Mower, brush hog, and string trimmer are set to a height of at least 4-6 inches.

### **Grass Clippings**

Wildflowers and native grasses thrive in nutrient-poor soil. TOE leaves clippings to decompose which adds organic matter and soil nutrients. This also creates habitat for wildlife.

### **Weed and Invasive Management (future plans)**

- **Annual weed burndown** – Plans are to implement a program to address noxious weeds while promoting natives with an annual spray rotation to replace an annual “burndown” due to town restrictions.
- **Target Invasives** - Aggressive non-native species like multiflora rose, Canada thistle, and autumn olive will quickly outcompete native plants. Plans are to routinely walk the meadow to manually pull, cut, or spot-treat invasive weeds before they go to seed.
- **Spot Treatment** - Invasive woody shrubs and aggressive weeds should be managed via targeted hand-pulling, weed wrenching, or spot-spraying with herbicides.