Technical Assistance

OBJECTIVES

Over the past few years, superintendents have identified flooding and stream stability as common golf course management concerns. These stormwater challenges often are caused due to suboptimal stormwater management practices and high-density surrounding development, resulting in erosion of streams, wetland loss, and increases in invasive species. With erosion comes sediment build-up in ponds and the loss of greens, cart paths, and fairways. EPA can provide technical assistance via course visits or desktop analysis to help identify causes and potential solutions to these issues. We can also use tools like EPA's EJScreen to help identify if your course is in a community with environmental justice (EJ) concerns.

WHAT CAN THE EPA DO FOR YOUR COURSE?

Fortunately, there are many available methods and common practices in stream enhancement, restoration, and stabilization for properties looking to improve their stormwater management and broader environmental health. There are also opportunities to improve course accessibility and engagement with the local community. This quick overview provides just a few examples of the types of projects that EPA can provide technical assistance with, in accordance with this partnership:

- Considerations for Invasive Plants
- Benefits of Offline Pond Configurations
- Buffers around Streams and Ponds
- Effective Stream Crossing Structures & Layouts
- Bank Stabilization Strategies
- Regulatory Requirements & Permitting
- Community-based Initiatives & Public Engagement



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INTERESTED IN ASSISTANCE?

Reach out to EPA today! We will provide direct assistance, or connect you with your local EPA Regional Office. Whether it is a conversation via email, a phone call, or setting up an in-person course visit, we are ready to help you with your environmental questions or concerns.

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