



# 2026 Landscape Report Fresh Pond Golf Course

A photograph of a golf course at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange and yellow glow across the sky and the grass. A flag on a pole is visible on the right side of the frame. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

2025 Usership  
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Usership

A photograph of a golf course at sunset. The sky is a mix of purple, pink, and blue. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow. There are trees on the left and right sides of the frame. In the foreground, there is a green golf course with a white flag on a pole in the distance. A white text box is overlaid on the center of the image.

In 2025 over **54,000** rounds  
of golf were played at the Fresh Pond Golf  
Course. (+4,000)

Which is more than the typical average for the area. . .

**Belmont Country Club** (Belmont) 15,000 rounds

**Charles River** (Newton) 32,000 rounds

**Franklin Park** (Boston) 50,000 rounds

**Vineyard Club** (Martha's Vineyard) 12,000 rounds

**George Wright** (Boston) 50,000 rounds

**Robert T. Lynch** (Brookline) 32,000 rounds

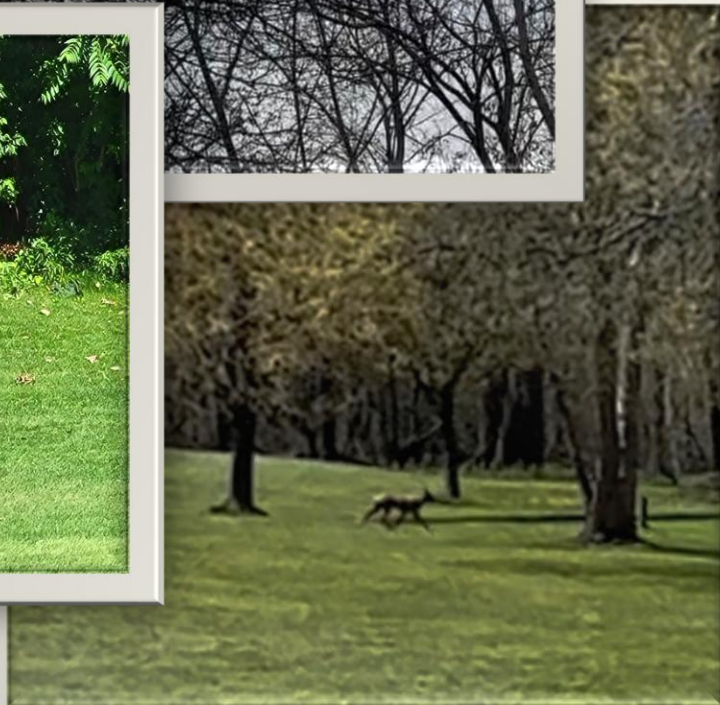


In addition to daily rounds by visitors and season pass holders, Fresh Pond also accommodates:

- Youth Programs
- MSYEP Participants
- Women's Leagues
  - City League
- Jr. PGA Golf Program (+)
- Learn to Golf Program (+)
- High School Teams (+)
  - PGA Hope (+)
  - Off Season Use (+)
- Charity Tournaments
  - Wildlife
- Mentor Program (Coming Soon!)



Wildlife



Wildlife



Program Highlights

# Youth Engagement





## Youth Engagement

### **Jr. Golf Program at Fresh Pond Golf Course**

40 Cambridge youth participated in the Junior Golf Program at Fresh Pond Golf Course. The program, offered each year by Cambridge Recreation, is open to Cambridge residents between 7 – 16 years old.

### **PGA Jr. League**

Fresh Pond Golf Course hosted two “13 Under” teams and one “17 Under” team, totaling 44 junior golf players. Through the league, the kids had the opportunity to play at several amazing local courses and grow their golfing network.

Special thanks to our colleagues Jim Chojnowski, PGA, and Tom Cusick.

# Hopeful Future

## **Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS) Golf Team**

The 2025 CRLS high school Golf team fielded 50 athletes across Varsity, JV, and Developmental teams.

Thanks to increased access to Fresh Pond Golf Course, the high schoolers were able to enjoy the reservation daily.



**Future Falcons**

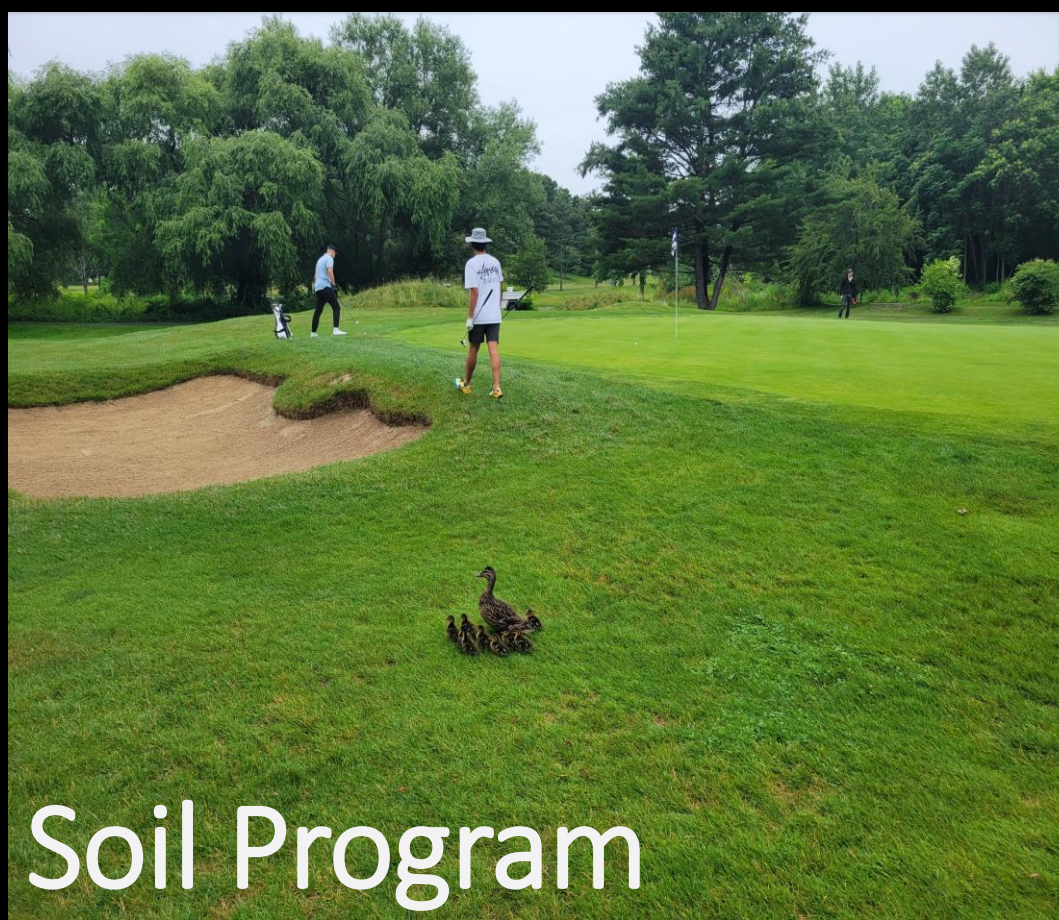


## **PGA Hope Cambridge**

In 2025, Fresh Pond Golf Course completed our second season of PGA HOPE Cambridge. PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) is the flagship military program of PGA REACH, the charitable foundation of the PGA of America.



Soil Improvements



# Soil Program

To properly maintain the golf course our goal is to build the soil biology to:

- Promote Environmental Health
- Maintain a Dense Turf Stand
  - Outgrow Disease
- Maintain Course Playability

Our staff go about achieving our goals through:

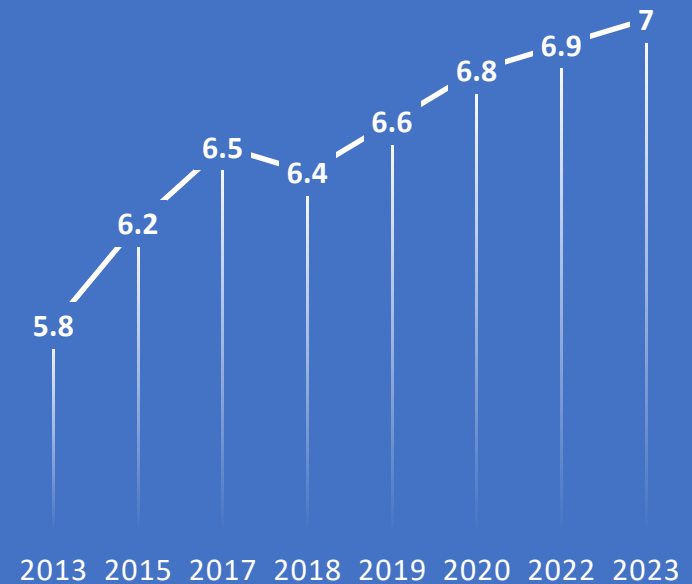
- Nutrition
- Cultural Practices
- Approved Applications
- Collaboration, Standards, and Tools

# Nutrition

Soil nutrition is a keystone of our maintenance practices. The following illustrates how we currently feed our turf. This has enhanced the growing conditions on the course, including on the 9<sup>th</sup> green where we've been able to increase the PH from 5.8 in 2013 to 7.0 in 2023

- 17 essential nutrients for turf growth
- Macronutrients – N,P,K,C,H,O,Ca,Mg,S
- Micronutrients – Fe,Mn,Zn,B,Mo,Cu,Cl,Ni
- Soil testing
- MA State fertilizer guidelines
- SeaBlend fertilizer
- Building soil biology
- Outgrow of disease

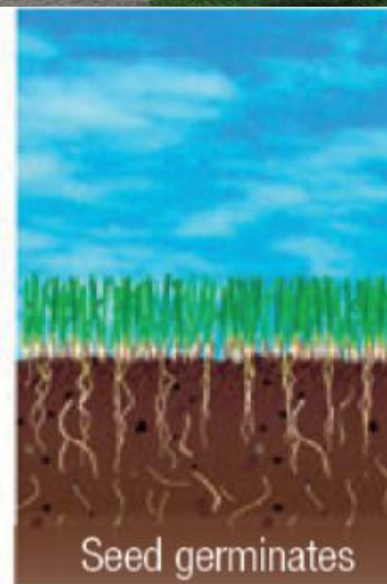
## SOIL PH 9 GREEN



# Cultural Practices

The best way to limit applications & inputs is a solid overseeding program

- Aerating
- Topdressing
- Overseeding new grass types
- Higher heights of cut
- Closed course Monday mornings
- Deep and infrequent irrigation
- Scouting



HOW IT WORKS



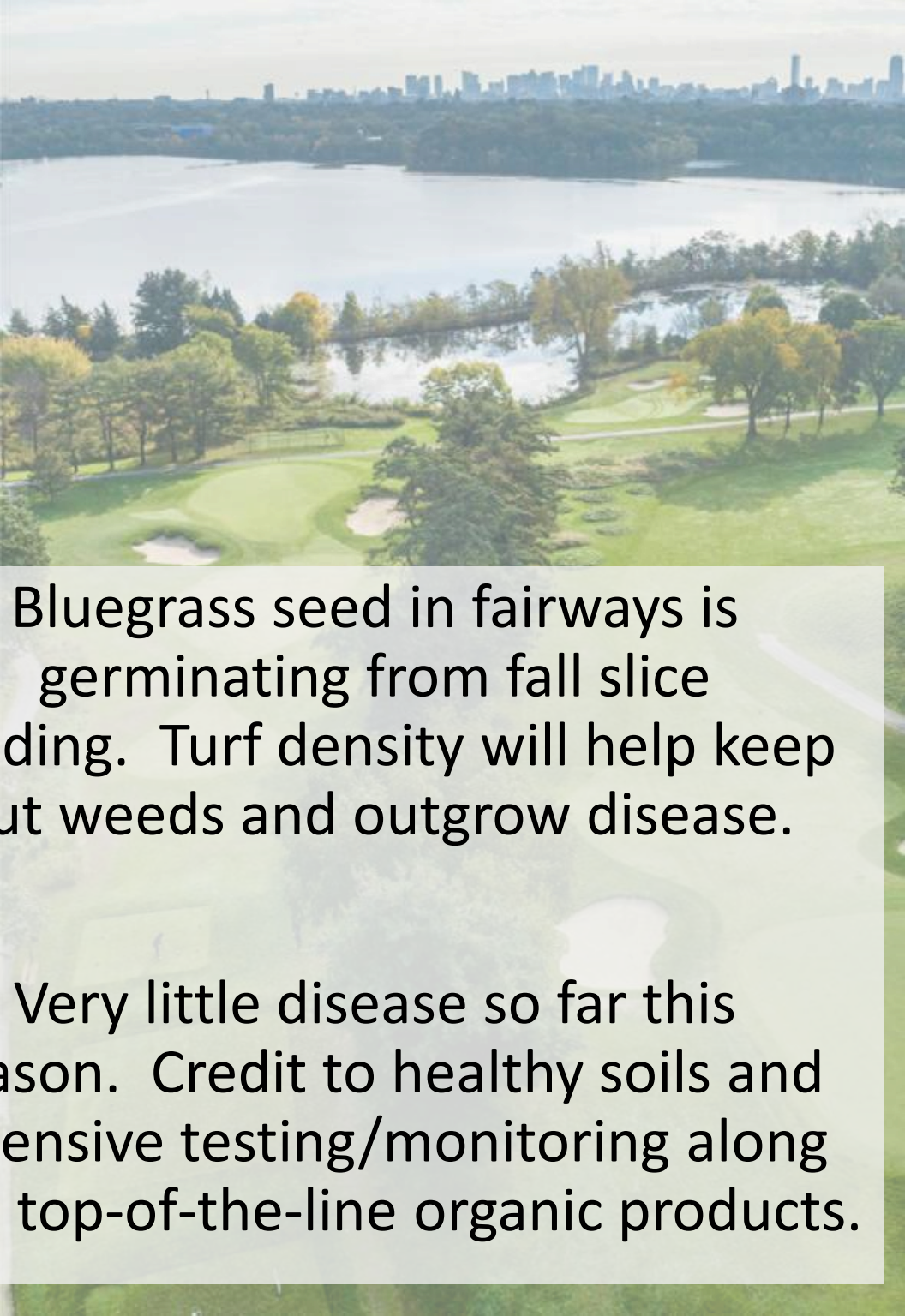
Landscape highlights

# Over Seed & Feed



Bluegrass seed in fairways is germinating from fall slice seeding. Turf density will help keep out weeds and outgrow disease.

Very little disease so far this season. Credit to healthy soils and extensive testing/monitoring along with top-of-the-line organic products.





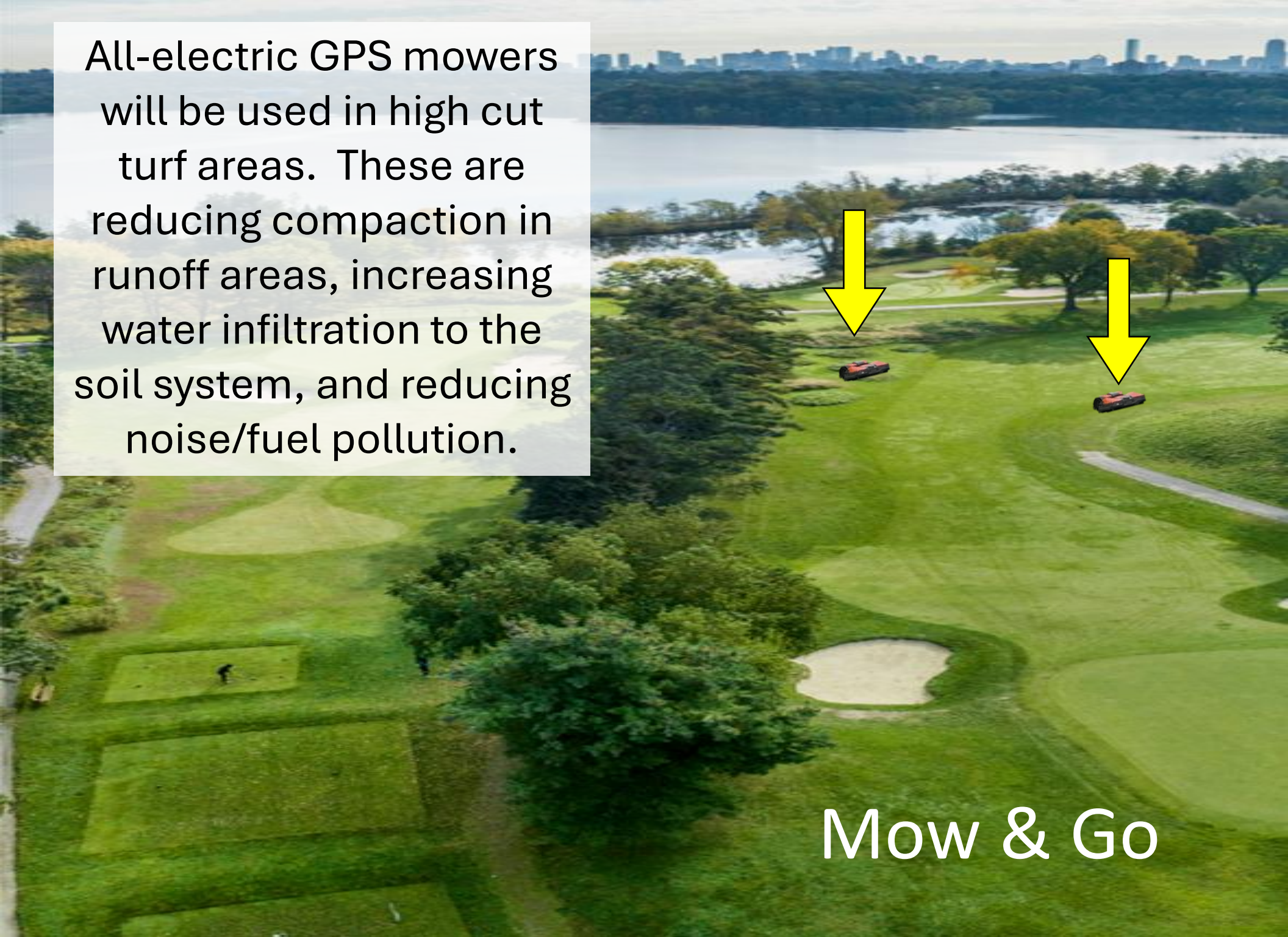
Deep tine and core aeration on greens setting up the turf for a long stressful summer.

Upgrades in irrigation components and software will allow our team to water the course with greater efficiency.

Summer Heat



All-electric GPS mowers will be used in high cut turf areas. These are reducing compaction in runoff areas, increasing water infiltration to the soil system, and reducing noise/fuel pollution.



Mow & Go

# Questions ?

