The Golf Course District comprises approximately 301 acres and is located to the west of the campus proper. University Boulevard bounds it to the east, Adelphi Road to the southwest, Metzerott Road and a single-family residential development within the City of College Park to the north.

The University Golf Course and its woodlands (7.68 acres of which are in Forest Conservation Easement) are the upland areas of the Campus Creek headwaters and watershed; and, thus, part of the watershed and wildlife corridor of Campus Creek and the Paint Branch. The course was chartered as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary in 2002, and it has retained its Audubon Certification for the past nine years. The 150-acre University Golf Course boasts over 27 documented species of trees, 11 different mammals, and 28 different birds, and there are plans to build upon this diversity.

The University Golf Course has been named as one of golf’s top 25 college courses (Links Magazine 2010). While the University Golf Course is the dominant use for the district, it shares space with the ICA Holman Short Game Golf Facility, the ICA Indoor Practice Facility, Plant Operations and Maintenance Storage Building, a Recycling Center, the Astronomy Observatory, the National Archives II at College Park site, and the wooded former Humphrey property with the Adelphi Road Office Annex.

Opportunities

The University Golf Course actively works to preserve its natural attributes and is an established
base for environmental and sustainability practices. The mature wooded areas that border all sides of this district are part of a contiguous mature woodland corridor that starts at the former Humphrey property, moves along the frontage of Adelphi Road, crosses University Boulevard and goes through the Wooded Hillock and the Campus Creek corridor to connect to the even larger Paint Branch corridor.

Preservation of this mature woodland corridor is an important statement that we make as an Arboretum and Botanical Garden and that reinforces our commitment to the environment. The 2001 and the current 2011-2030 plans call for retaining, maintaining and enhancing the essential open space, landscape and ecological quality of this district. Use of a common planting palette on the wooded edges, in the Golf Course District and throughout campus, will increase the understanding of the campus boundaries and signify arrival on campus grounds.

With its top 25 College Golf Course rating by Links, the University Golf Course is a recognized district for significant athletic and recreational events. It was rated as the #1 renovation of the Year by Golf Inc. It provides opportunities for additional sports and recreational facilities and spaces.

While the landscape is internally and physically coherent in its organizational purpose and landscape character, the tract remains somewhat disconnected from the main campus due to the significant existing roadway-boulevard boundaries. This disconnection is a major issue that needs to be addressed to better integrate and enhance the value of this district to the rest of campus. Several aspects of this site actually lend themselves well to creating this connection.

Improvements

- Build an Arboretum nursery research and holding facility for new, research, and replacement material at the Humphrey Property in conjunction with a forest conservation easement.
- Restore and improve existing wetland and pond, add new ponds on holes 3 and 7 to improve storm event storage and improve conditions on Campus Creek while minimizing potable water use for irrigation.
- Create a turf and greens nursery for golf course repairs.
- Enhance the entry to the University Golf Course at University Boulevard and Stadium Drive as part of Campus Gateway improvements.
- Plant edges with mixed understory and groundcover material as part of a common planted palette on campus edges.
- Convert the Indoor Practice Facility back to three indoor tennis courts.
- Add a 1,000 GSF indoor driving facility.
- Build an outdoor pavilion structure and gardens for expanded and enhanced event functions.
- Create a perimeter trail network around golf course that connects back to the campus and surrounding communities.
- Build a new maintenance facility.
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