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State Aids Country Club In Relocation

(Albany Times-Union)

An agreement with the state has been reached by the Albany Country Club in its move to relocate on 1,000 acres in the Town of Guilderland.

The Country Club, with present lands off Western Ave. taken by the state for expansion, has voted to purchase 30 separate parcels of land on both sides of Wormer Rd. west of State Farm Rd.

Acquisition of the land is expected to cost the Country Club between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

Edward D. Meacham, club president, said construction on the 1,000 acre site is expected to start this summer. An 18-hole golf course will be built first. Construction of a clubhouse has been set for next year.

As part of its dealing with the state, it was learned, the Country Club will receive easement rights on several acres of state property which are a part of the State Farm Laboratory.

The Guilderland site was recommended to Country Club officials by Robert Trent Jones of Montclair, N. J., the golf course architect retained to study new locations.

Guilderland Supervisor John King said he welcomes the Country Club's move "with open arms."

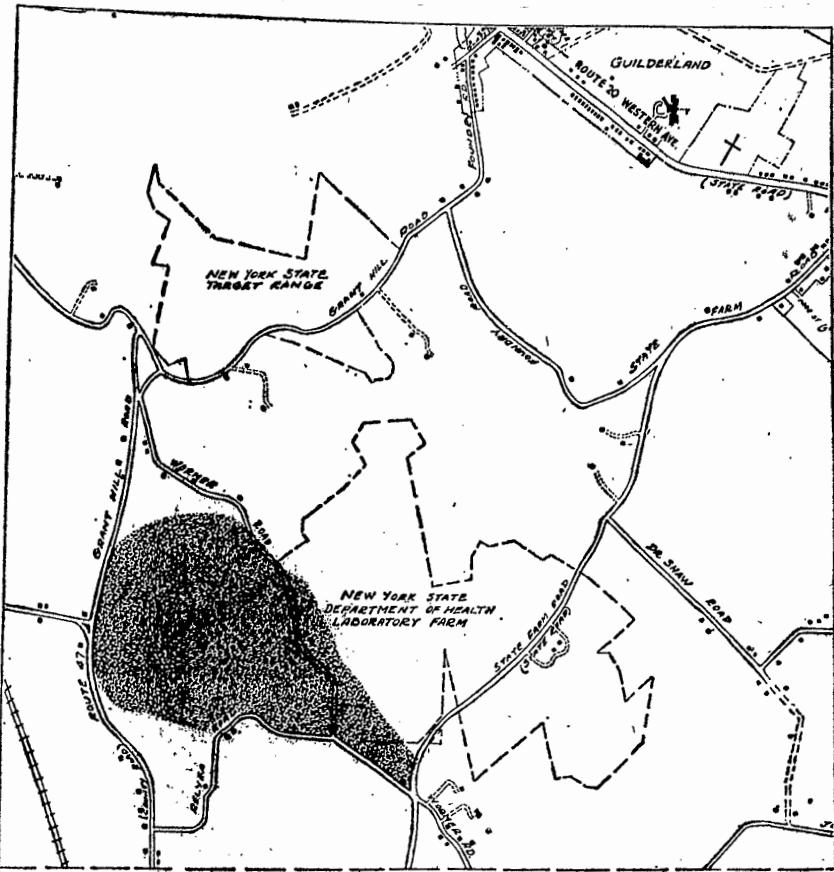
King said the move will keep 1,000 acres in the center of the town "forever green" and also produce taxes.

Country Club officials said one factor in purchasing the Guilderland properties is the land isn't likely to be taken by any form of government—state or local.

The course site is about 70 per cent cleared land and 30 per cent wooded area.

While an 18-hole course is planned at the outset, enough land has been acquired to construct an additional 18-hole course.

Jones, in recommending the location to club members, pointed out it is located on a plateau affording views in several directions.



The new site of the Albany Country Club will be on 1,000 acres in the Town of Guilderland. Shaded area between Wormer and State Farm Roads shows approximate location of the new club.

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Albany Country Club Buys State Land

A.C.C. Inc., a corporation owned by the Albany Country Club, has paid \$2,400 for an 11-acre land parcel on the State Department of Health Research Farm in Guilderland.

In the public auction, bidding started at \$1,020 — the state-appraised value of the land — and rose to \$2,400. Other bidders were: Mrs. Raymond VanDen Houten of 54-60 Dott Ave., Albany, and William S. Prescott of Glenmont. John J. DeGraff, an Albany attorney, represented the country club.

Robert D. Stone, deputy commissioner of the Office of General Services, said the land had been declared surplus before it was placed on the selling block. Most of the land is said to be flooded.

The 11-acre parcel borders about 1,100 acres owned by the country club, which plans to build a new golf course there this summer.

The new course is expected to be opened in the summer of 1963.

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