

Long-awaited NYC course underway



This rendering of the proposed course shows its location close to the Whitestone Bridge

Construction on Ferry Point, the long-awaited golf course on a former landfill on the edge of the East River in the Bronx, is well underway.

The routing for the course is complete and construction is transforming the 185 acres of treeless land into an ‘Irish links-style’ golf course. The layout is a Jack Nicklaus

Signature design in collaboration with Sanford Golf Design.

Ferry Point marks the second time John Sanford has teamed up with Nicklaus and his company. Sanford is the design associate on a Nicklaus Design course for a golf-hotel development, the Palm Hills Golf Resort

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opening this year in Cairo, Egypt.

“The site is most special,” Sanford said. “It is a former landfill in a spectacular location. It borders the East river on the south side, it is at the base of the Whitestone Bridge on the Bronx side, and most of the holes have spectacular views of the Manhattan skyline.”

“Unlike a park, a golf course will create revenue for the city and we are transforming a degraded piece of land into a beautiful landscape,” he added.

In an interview with the *Wall Street Journal*, Nicklaus said the site is ideally suited for a challenging links-style course that will be open and playable for the public but capable of staging major tournaments.

He said rather than plant 10,000 trees that would take decades to mature, a links design lends itself to what he referred to as a ‘now course.’

“Now courses are ones that look like they have been there forever,” Nicklaus said. He said the design would create a course difficult enough to challenge professional play but one everyday players can enjoy.