

Resource Management Software Tool

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The Genesis of the Resource Management Modeling Effort

- Golfer mandates – “Golf takes too long and it is too expensive.”
- Society Mandates – “Golf courses use too much water and chemicals.”
- USGA Leadership Mandates – “Golf needs to be proactive rather than reactive. We need to be able to anticipate change and predict results.”

Variables (changes) that are impacting the game now and in the future

- Pace of Play
- Cost to Play
- Competition for rounds and resources
- Changes in the game itself (Rules, Equipment, Players)
- Changes in how golf is viewed by non-golfers
- Environmental restrictions
- Availability of suitable land
- Cost and availability of water
- Cost and availability of labor
- Cost of fuel
- Cost of energy
- Cost of fertilizers
- Cost and availability of pesticides

Purpose

To provide golf courses of all levels a tool, or model, to help them perform “what if” analysis regarding their utilization of resources.

“What if ...”

We have less water

Water is more expensive

We cannot apply chemicals

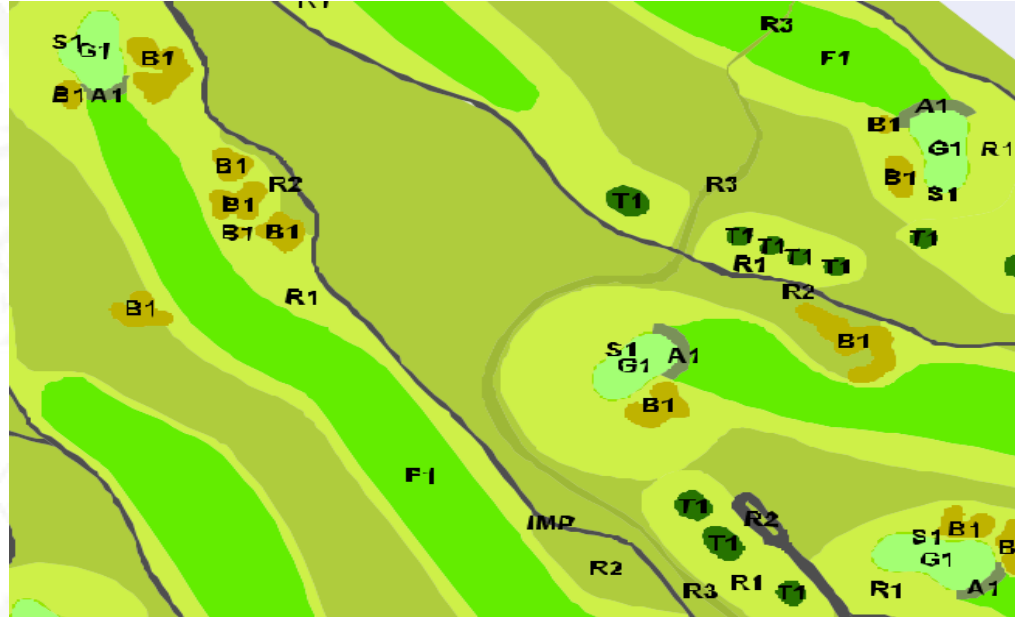
We want to build a new course

We want to improve our greens

We want to be more competitive

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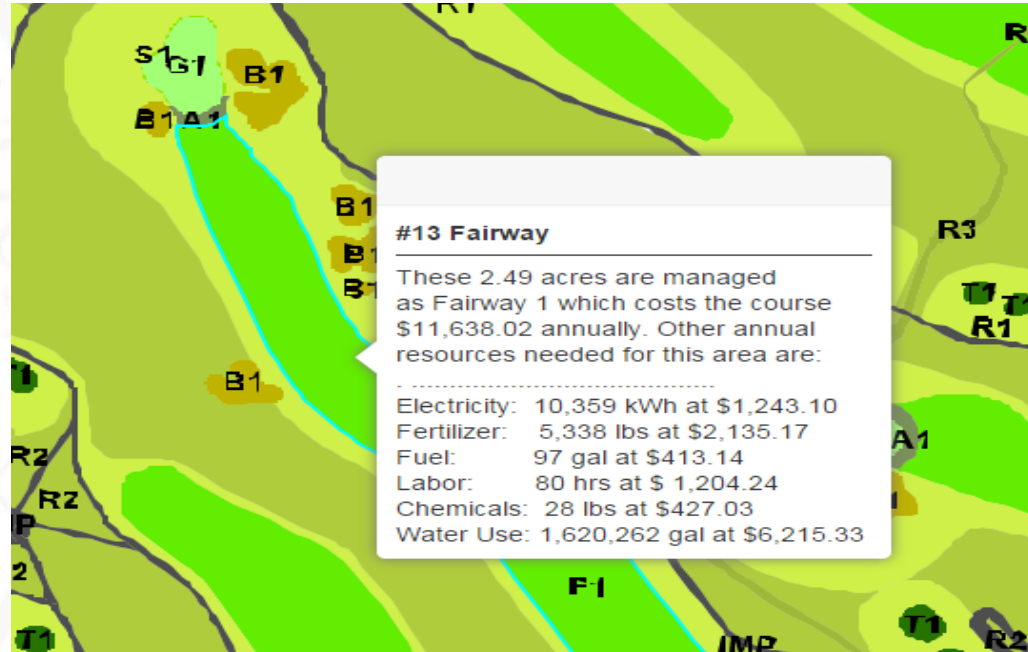
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Fertilizer
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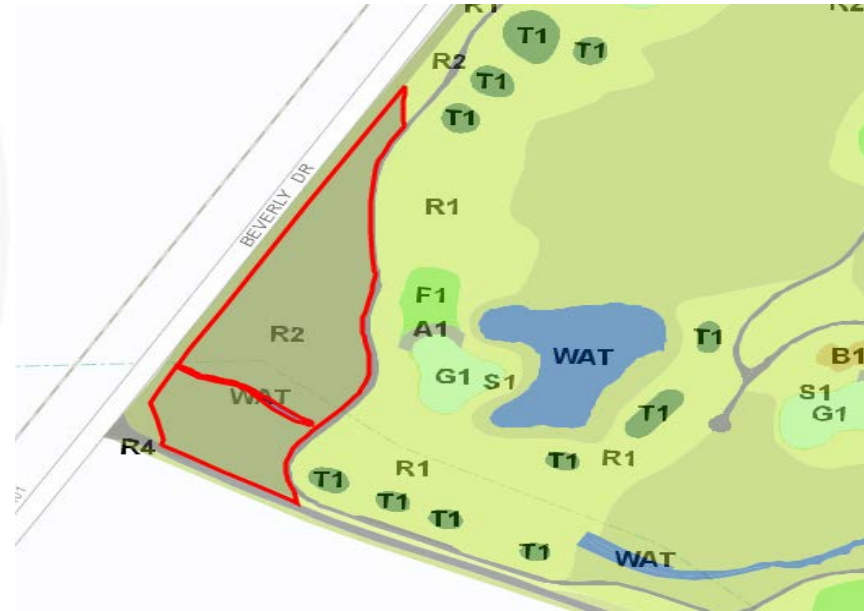
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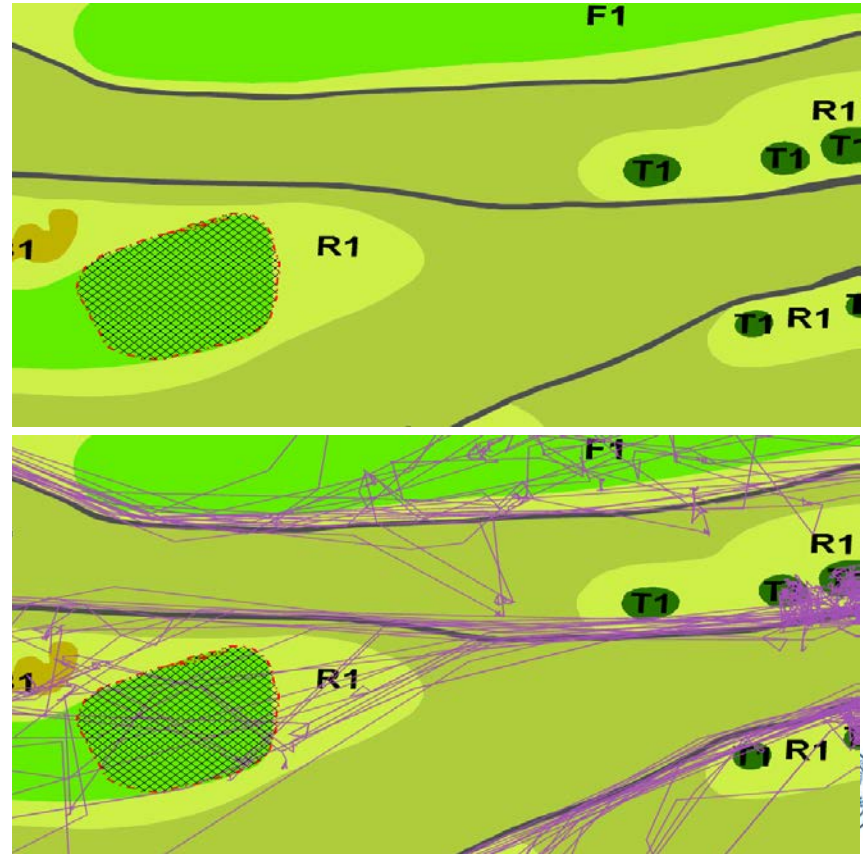
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- **Player tracks help ensure changes are appropriate**



Goal

Develop an online tool that allows course management to create and save various maintenance scenarios or models

Major Features of the Tool

- Initially populate the model with values typical of courses in the user's locale and budget range
- Provide base map of polygons for the user's course
- Allow users to easily input their own data to personalize the model
- Allow users to add or remove line items customizing the model to their specific needs
- Allow users to create and save multiple maintenance scenarios

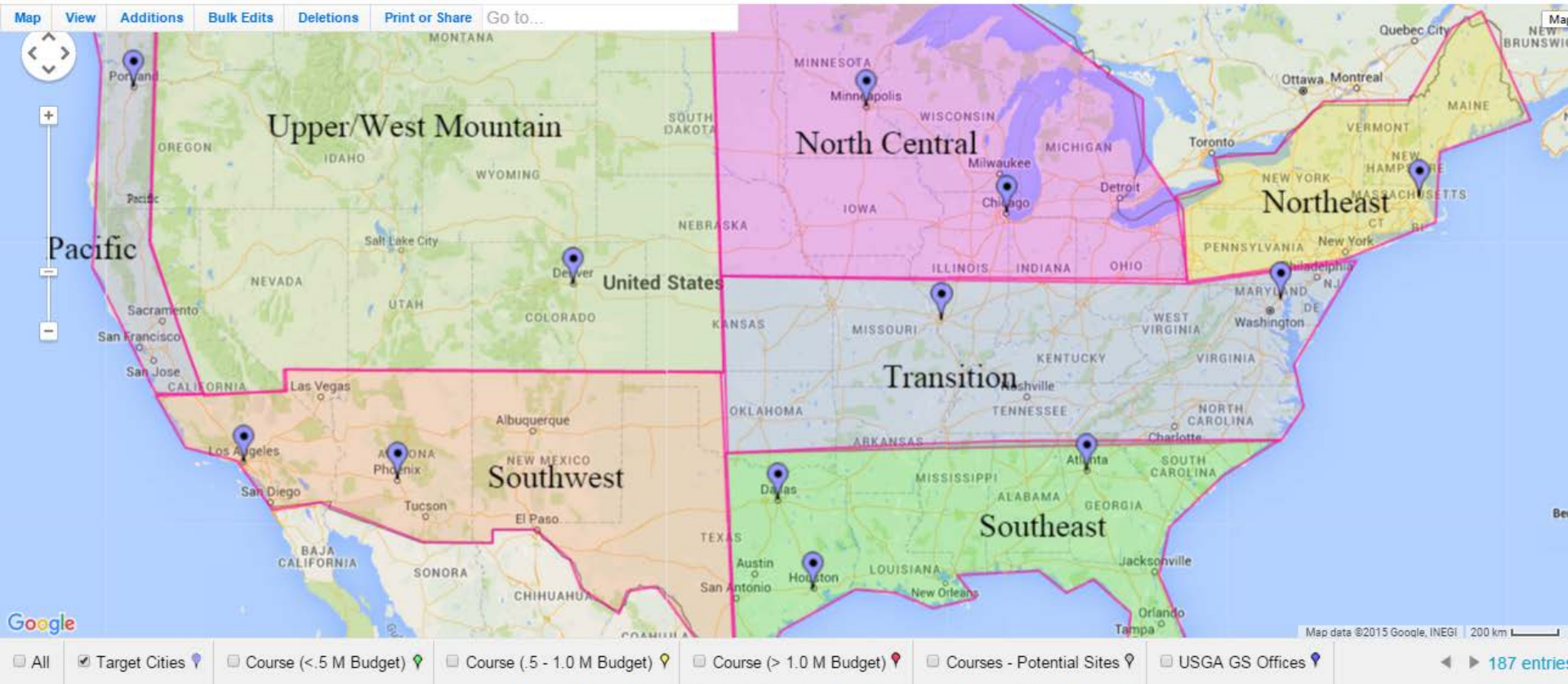
Collection of "seed" data



USGA Resource Management

This map 1) identifies courses that will participate in the Resource Management survey, 2) identifies which Green Section agronomist will visit which courses, 3) regions that are approximately the same as utilized in the GCSAA surveys and represent major climatic zones in the U.S.

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Software Development

- Future leveraging of platform
 - Design tool
 - Pace of play modeling
 - Flagstick/championship pace dashboard
 - Player tracks
 - Shotlink data
 - ET databases
 - Plant water use coefficients