

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON | LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REQUEST

## DWAN GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**B**loomington's Dwan Golf Course is one of the busiest 18-hole municipal golf courses in Minnesota. Opening in 1970, the golf course has hosted countless tournaments, charity events, and leagues, and sold as many as 60,000 rounds of golf per season. Dwan has earned a reputation as a welcoming course where guests of all skills and experience can enjoy a fun and challenging round of golf.

In June 2021, the City of Bloomington hired HGA to develop a conceptual design and cost estimates to replace the clubhouse. The City also contracted with Norby Golf Course Design to provide an updated design for the golf course. Both projects would update and enhance one of Minnesota's most popular public golf courses.

### REGIONAL IMPACT

According to data on patron card holders and public golfers at Dwan collected in August 2021:

- 41% were residents
- 59% were non-residents

### CLUBHOUSE REPLACEMENT

The current clubhouse at Dwan is outdated and in poor condition. There is insufficient space to fit a larger clubhouse on site with very tight size constraints. The clubhouse, parking lot and practice chipping and putting greens also need to be revised.

Plans for a new clubhouse include the current program spaces (lobby, offices, pro shop) with upgrades as needed to food service and ADA accessible restrooms. The new building would also include an underground cart storage and staging area, outdoor patio dining area and indoor dining for 120 people.



**THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON  
IS SEEKING LEGISLATIVE  
APPROVAL TO HAVE VOTERS  
CONSIDER 0.50% LOCAL  
OPTION SALES TAX FOR  
20 YEARS TO HELP FUND  
IMPROVEMENTS AT DWAN  
GOLF COURSE AT AN  
ESTIMATED COST OF \$15  
MILLION PLUS INTEREST  
AND FINANCING COSTS.**



### **COURSE IMPROVEMENTS**

The future vision of Dwan features many safety, environmental and playability improvements. Input from patrons revealed a high degree of satisfaction with with course conditions and maintenance, a significant factor in in the popularity of the golf course.

The following three priorities emerged for course improvements:

- Renovate bunkers, including the size, location and quality of sand.
- Add permanent restrooms on the course.
- Enhance the safety of the course.

Norby Golf Course Design created a golf course master plan that addresses these priorities, along with other improvements that update the course. These improvements would keep Dwan relevant and sustainable for decades.



### **QUESTIONS**

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