

A Collaborative Approach

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A Collaborative Approach: RSF Golf Course Tree Counts

- How many trees have been lost over the years?**
- What has been the impact on the golf course and surrounding trails?**
- How can we improve the process?**

RSF Golf Course Tree Counts

What percentage of trees have been removed since 2014? <i>(Survey using 2014 Master Plan and 2021 visual count)</i>	~ 50%
What percentage of new trees approved in 2001 and 2014 Golf Club Master Plans were actually planted and survived?	~25%
What percentage of golf course trees are immature?	Current: 6% Ideal: 40%

What has been the visual impact of tree removal and the lack of planting new trees on the course?

Hole 5 – Looking from the tee toward the green



2006



2021

Hole 7 – Looking from the tee toward the green



2015



2021

Hole 8 – Looking from the tee toward the green



1998



2021

What We Need: Proposal for Planting New Golf Course Trees

- Phase 1 – Create Plan for 360 New Golf Course Trees over 4 Years
 - Trees selected from RSF Recommended Low Water Trees list
 - Golf Course Forest Committee with community engagement
 - Forest Health and Preservation Committee Member
 - Trails Committee member
 - Golf Club member
 - Equestrian representing Covenant trail-riders
 - Golf Course homeowner
 - Golf Club Director or Agronomy
 - Association Assistant Manager
 - Independent Certified Arborist
 - Landscape Architect
 - Review and approval of Plan by Art Jury and Association
- Phase 2 – Purchase, plant, and maintain new trees (Contractor, Golf Club)
- Phase 3 – Provide continuing oversight of golf course trees (Golf Course Forest Committee)
 - Annual Report to Association on tree numbers, removals, replacements, and tree health

Benefits of Planting New Trees

- Community engagement and collaboration of RSF golfers and non-Club trail-users
- Transparency and accountability in tree planting
- Judicious tree management ensuring optimal impact of new trees
 - Landscape design value and nearby trees
 - Course playability and new turf
 - Trail quality
- Strong and documented maintenance program to insure tree health and survivability
- Increased stock of "immature trees" to benefit current residents and future generations