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Dr. Noble Hendrix  
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Dear Dr. Hendrix:

In response to your request, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) and The Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG) support the Colorado Golf Carbon Project. As you are well aware, climate change, greenhouse gases, and carbon sequestration are important concerns facing society, including the golf course management industry. We recognize there is a limited amount of research based information on the carbon footprint of golf facilities and are excited about the potential of the Colorado Golf Carbon Project to address these data gaps.

The Colorado Golf Carbon Project, led by scientists at Colorado State University and the USDA-ARS lab in Ft. Collins, CO, with cooperation from the allied golf associations of Colorado including the Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association, will help advance our knowledge of the carbon footprint of golf facilities. The stated goals of the Colorado Golf Carbon Project are:

- Determine the annual amount of carbon emitted from all sources on Colorado's golf facilities.
- Quantify the annual amount of carbon sequestered on Colorado's golf facilities.
- Publication of results in a high quality, peer-reviewed scientific journal.

The goals of the Colorado Golf Carbon Project align with the environmental efforts of GCSAA and the EIFG to work collaboratively with the golf course industry to advance the compatibility of the game of golf with the environment. GCSAA and the EIFG have identified three areas of focus for the golf course industry: water conservation; water quality protection; and energy conservation, and these areas of focus all influence the carbon footprint of a golf facility.



GCSAA and the EIFG have created a Golf Course Environmental Profile using a series of surveys to collect information from golf course superintendents on the property features, management practices, and inputs associated with golf courses and golf course maintenance. One of the surveys was focused on energy use at golf facilities and the data can be used in support of the Colorado Golf Carbon Project.

Thank you for including us in the discussions regarding carbon sequestration and energy use on golf courses. We look forward to learning how we can work with you to promote energy conservation and advance the golf industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Mark J. Woodward", is positioned above the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends below the typed name.

Mark J. Woodward, CGCS  
Chief Executive Officer