

# DEVELOPING THE WIN-WIN-WIN PROJECT

*Forrest Richardson & Associates, Golf Course Architects*



**Transformed into the new Baylands Golf Links for the City of Palo Alto, California, the trifecta of results can be summarized as follows:**

1. The reconfigured course made way for a crucial flood control project
2. We carved out 10.5 acres for future recreation needs, an invaluable “found” parcel of land
3. The new course sports new wetland acreage & more than 40 acres of grassland habitat that now fits into the San Francisco Bay ecosystem

We always strive for multiple “wins” in golf course redevelopment. There is the great balance of

economics vs investment, and to this we must consider sustainability — environmental, conservation, habitat and the game itself. For the City of Palo Alto, our reinvention of an old municipal course strikes home with multiple “wins”— demonstrating how the open space of a golf course can solve multiple problems for a community.



## THE GROUND GAME

In order to handle a highly complex \$10 million golf course rebuild, you need detailed plans and a commitment to living with the land. “I spent more than 100 days on site,” notes Forrest Richardson. “It was a labor of love in every detail — and every golf hole has its own personality to carry its weight and make the course fun and challenging.” *Palo Alto and its neighbors have been plagued by life threatening flooding that will now be resolved thanks to creative re-planning of the golf course open space.*

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