

Facility Adoption of Sustainable Landscaping In Out of Play Areas

Val Halla is committed to creating an overall ecosystem with a healthy variety of trees, plants and grasses that create a biodiversity of birds, animals and insect species. All out of play areas are left natural or have been naturalized after seeing the many benefits of naturalized areas. These areas not only provide greater carbon sequestration than maintained turf due to the increase in plant biomass but they provide habitat for many different birds and animals.

When possible, we have made every effort to re-naturalize areas in specific locations in order to create wildlife corridors. By adding these naturalized areas where large portions of the property were highly fragmented by in-play areas, we allow animals to move through the property from one location to another more easily. An example of this would be the naturalized areas by the 13th and 15th tees as well as the fescue on the 14th hole. Implementing these areas allows for animals that enter the golf course from Greely Rd. near the farm to use the tall grasses to traverse four holes and re-enter the woods.

