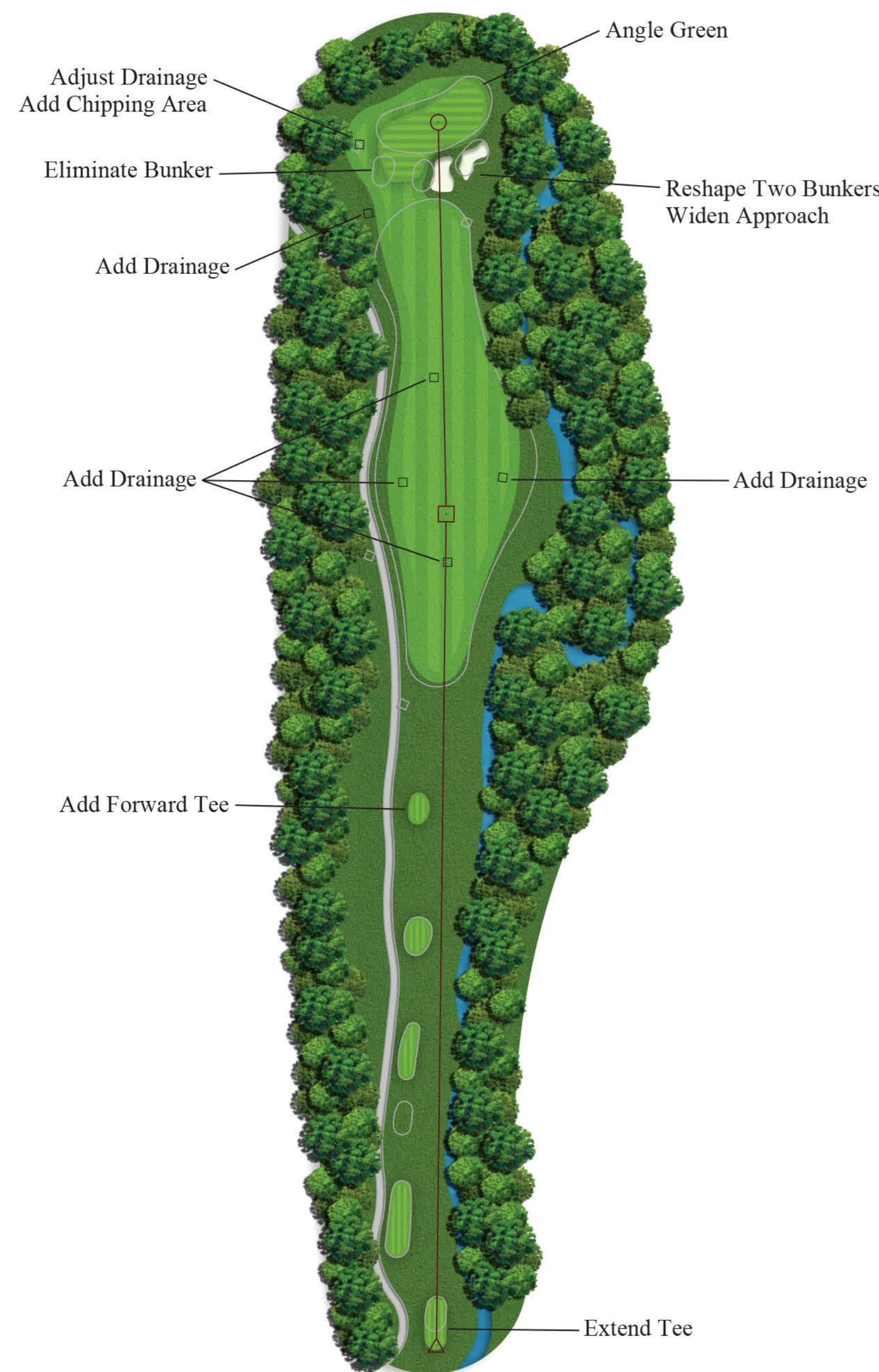




Big Canoe POA



#4 Par 4 Black 392 White 353 Gold 300 Green 261 Red 220

Following the welcoming drive on the previous hole, the course puts forth one of the most intimidating tee shots on the entire property. The actual landing area is of ample width; but, due to overgrown vegetation, there is an unknown aspect down the right side. Under-brushing and limbing will not only make the drive a bit more comfortable, but it will also expose the natural beauty of the meandering creek. Drainage will be added throughout the fairway to improve turf conditions and allow for more roll.

As it currently stands, players must carry three front bunkers and contend with a shallow green on the approach. The small gaps between the bunkers do not offer a fair chance at a run up and there is no reasonable bail out area. The greens complex will become significantly more manageable as the left bunker is removed and the remaining bunkers are shaped closer together on the right. The putting surface will be deeper on the left side, but players will still have to carry the bunkers to access the back right hole locations. The area left of the green will be reshaped to improve drainage, and to create a fairway cut chipping zone for players unwilling to risk taking on the bunkers.



#5 Par 5 Black 492 White 428 Gold 388 Green 355 Red 276

Climbing almost 120 feet up a tilted plane from the teeing ground to the green, the uphill fifth plays much longer than its posted yardage. The back tee will be split and extended, while two new forward tees will be added to create a better distance fit for more golfers. The sheer magnitude of the climb is enough of a task; however, excessive bunkering and poor drainage in the fairway add to the difficulty. The first bunker on the left will be reconfigured to widen the landing zone. The next bunker on the right is strategically irrelevant and will be removed. Good drainage between these bunkers is essential and will be improved with enhanced swales and basins where critical.

Standing on a nine to ten percent grade and looking up the hill to the second landing area, the massive bunker on the right is imposing. It is also a maintenance challenge and has already been reduced. Its positioning dictates play to the left, but the aggressive play over the bunker should be and is rewarded with an open pitch. Cautious play to the left side will deal with a new bunker added just off the front left collar. Fairway will wrap the green and drainage will be added to ensure quality playing conditions around the green complex.



#6 Par 4 Black 377 White 354 Gold 326 Green 292 Red 260

The golf course continues to climb with the 6th hole, where creating a little more room to play is the goal. The landing area is pinched by the far reaching bunker on the left and the cart path on the right. The cart path will slide to the right along the tree line, making room for a soft swale along the right rough line to handle water runoff. The extending lobe of the left fairway bunker will be filled in and the bunker reshaped to highlight the edge of the fairway. The bunker will angle from right to left and slightly pulled drives will have to carry more of the bunker depending on the line from the tee. A target bunker, cut into the hillside on the right, will add definition on the drive, identifying the optimal line of play from the tee.

The putting surface will expand slightly, and the left bunker will be shaped to increase the amount of fairway access onto the green. The cart path on the right will slide part way down the slope to make walking to the green complex more accessible. The fairway will wrap around the right side, creating a gentle chipping area. Drainage will be added on the right side and in front of the green to keep the approach firm and dry.

