



*Golf courses are typically about 96% recreational open spaces of grasslands, woods, or water bodies. These lands are functionally excellent at harvesting and storing water that falls on them, eliminating or reducing erosion, sequestering carbon and nitrogen, and improving the chemical and physical properties of soils. These spaces are also biologically diverse habitats for plants and animals ranging from large native species to soil microorganisms. – Michael J. Hurdzan, Ph.D.*