

# Here's when this N.J. golf course developed by Tiger Woods and Mike Trout will open

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Mike Trout and Tiger Woods in Vineland on the site of where The Trout National – The Reserve is being built. Trout is partnering with local businessman John Ruga to open the golf club near his hometown of Millville in South Jersey.

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A scenic New Jersey golf course designed by two professional sporting legends will be built after a final development plan to construct the state-of-the-art course was approved last week.

The Vineland Planning Board on Thursday passed a nine-phase development plan for [Trout National – The Reserve](#), an 18-hole golf course at the site of a former Cumberland County sand mine off Route 55. Officials have anticipated the course becoming open in 2025 for member play.

Before the board Thursday was a plan to incrementally add to the property, which was chosen by local businessman John Ruga, owner of Northeast Precast, a precast concrete manufacturer in Millville.

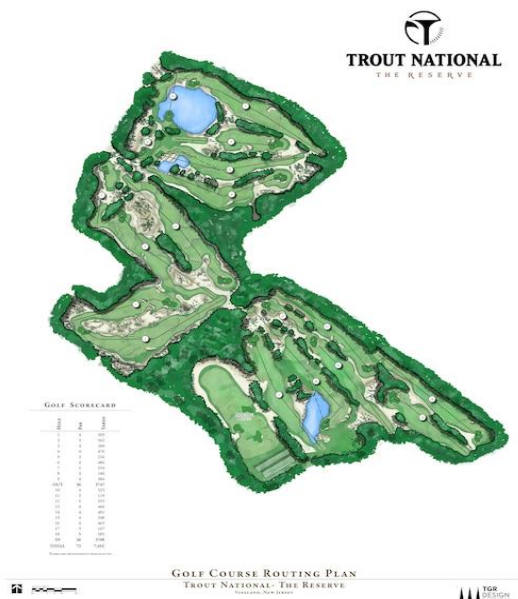
A blueprint rendering of the course was shown to the board's five members before unanimously approving the development plan.

Mayor Anthony Fannucci has lauded the project for its expected economic impact on Vineland and surrounding Cumberland County. A [recent study](#) by the National Golf Foundation found American golf courses contributed to over \$100 billion in economic impact, he said.

Both Trout, Wood's architectural company, TGR Design, and city officials anticipate the course being suited for championship-style play.

"The secondary effect of this on Vineland businesses could bring hundreds of thousands of dollars into the city and beyond for a single event," Fanucci said in an emailed statement to NJ Advance Media Monday.

The nine-phase project includes developing the multi-use facility, which includes a performance training center, an over 35,000-square-foot clubhouse and seven private lodges, [according to Thursday's meeting agenda](#).



## Trout National

A bulk of the course's holes will be built during the first phase, with the remaining coming in the second phase, according to the resolution. A putting course and area for golfers to practice their short game is also planned.

A wedding chapel and other amenities were also previously named under the proposal.

Some grassy fairways have been laid out with bunkers in between them. Much of the course, however, remains barren, sandy land surrounded by trees and farmland.

Trout and Woods [have shared photos of them together at the property](#), surveying construction in the winter months.

Trout, three-time American League MVP with MLB's Los Angeles Angels, grew up in Millville, Vineland's neighbor to its south, graduating from high school there in 2009. He was selected that year by the Angels, becoming what many consider one of baseball's most recent prolific players.

Wanting to make a lasting mark on the community, the 11-time All-Star conferred with Woods to build the championship-style course.

After Trout unveiled the project on his social media accounts, photos have gradually emerged of construction off Lincoln Avenue. They've shown dozens of trees cleared to carve out the par-72 course.

Woods, regarded as one of the best players in golf history with near record-setting PGA Tour wins, has built courses and facilities in Missouri, Texas, Florida and California through the development firm, [according to its website](#).

The Vineland course is the company's first New Jersey-based project.

“We were delighted to have the opportunity to share the comprehensive site plan for Trout National – The Reserve with the esteemed members of the City of Vineland’s Planning Board,” the golf course’s development team said in an emailed statement. “It is exciting to not only receive approval but to see the board’s enthusiasm for the vision and impact that this one-of-a-kind golf experience will bring to the community we call home.”