



**Date:** July 1, 2020  
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## Turfgrass Conversion Project Begins Monday July 6th

### Herbicides will be Applied Important to Stay off Grass



The University of Kentucky Turfgrass Management and Sciences staff will conduct a Research and Demonstration Project in Andover Forest former fairways, greens and tee boxes to convert the bent grass to low maintenance, durable tall fescue grass. (Note: The roughs are already tall fescue and will remain as is.)

The turf transition and installation project will be led by Dr. Travis Shaddox who is recognized for developing best management practices for the USGA golf, lawn sport turf and sod industries. We are excited to have his leadership and expertise to guide the conversion of our greenways.

- **When?** Turf Project begins the week of July 6<sup>th</sup>
- **Where?** Holes 1-9 (centers of fairways, greens and tee boxes)
- **Why convert existing bent grass to tall fescue?**
  - Cost Savings & low maintenance
  - Reduces weeds (also protects your yard from invasive bent grass)
  - Reduces water use and need for irrigation
  - Reduces mowing & labor costs
  - Heat/Drought tolerant & Disease Resistant
- **What happens during the conversion?**
  - Herbicide will be applied 2x (over 4 weeks) to kill bent grass & weed infested areas on fairways, greens and tees. Signs will be posted when treatments begin.
  - Slit-seeding new low maintenance tall fescue to begin in mid-August- September (Seeding timeframes will be determined by optimal weather conditions.)
  - Residents will be asked to stay-off treated areas from July until late fall after the new fescue grass has fully germinated.