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## Improving Playability in Putting Green Surrounds

Green surrounds are one of the most heavily used parts of a golf course and they face unique maintenance challenges that often lead to disappointing conditions, even with significant maintenance efforts. Creating a management plan tailored to the specific needs of the rough in the green surrounds is an important step toward improving turf performance and reliability. Too many programs treat the rough in the green surrounds like rough in other parts of the course, but the intensity of play and traffic in these areas necessitates a specialized approach.

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