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Heritage Oaks Leads in Environmental Stewardship

Harrisonburg, VA – Heritage Oaks Golf Course was acknowledged by the Virginia Golf Course Superintendent's Association (VGCSA) as one of 11 courses in the state with a certified Nutrient Management Plan.

After taking more than 100 soil samples that were later analyzed, a Nutrient Management Planner evaluated those test results and wrote a Nutrient Management Plan specific to Heritage Oaks Golf Course. The plan was later approved by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The Nutrient Management Plan sets limits on the amount of nutrients that can be applied to the turf on the golf course. Staff with Heritage Oaks Golf Course carefully track the nutrients that have been applied to the course by using computer database software, specifically designed for golf course superintendents.

While applying the least amount of nutrients necessary for the turf to have optimum health, the course's management plan utilizes products and methods that are environmentally safe and sensitive.

"The grounds crew at Heritage Oaks has already received education through turf grass management schools," said David Wigginton, Assistant Director of Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation. "The recently adopted Nutrient Management Plan reinforces that education and provides an outline to continue the best turf management practices for the course."

Beginning in 2017, all golf courses in Virginia will be required to have a nutrient management plan. By implementing the plan early, Heritage Oaks remains on the leading edge for environmental stewardship in Virginia.

*Heritage Oaks Golf Course was recently voted the "Best in the Valley for 2012" by a local poll. The golf course received the same accolades in 2008, 2009, and 2011. For more information about **Heritage Oaks Golf Course** or to schedule a tee time online, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/heritage-oaks.*

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