

# **Space Coast Golf & Turf Association (SCG&TA)**

***for Golf Course Superintendents  
& Turfgrass Managers***



*Space Coast*

Golf & Turf  
Association

Brevard County



## The SCG&TA:

- **Receives assistance from Land Grant Universities and Extension Service (EXT SVC)**
- **Connects Superintendents & Turf Managers with EXT SVC**
- **EXT SVC interacts with Supers & Turf Managers**

# **Morrill Land-Grant Act**

- **Each State receives benefits from Morrill Act of 1862**
- **Original Mission – to teach:**
  - **Agriculture,**
  - **Military Tactics,**
  - **Mechanic Arts, and**
  - **Classical Studies**
- **All Students obtain a liberal, yet practical education.**



# Mission of Today's Land- Grant Universities

- Resident Instruction
- Agricultural Experiment Stations
- Cooperative Extension Service





# Benefits of Land-Grant Universities

- Provides needed education to each state's population
- Ensures research available to industries & residents
- Supports Best Management Practices (BMP's) in “green” industries



# Land-Grant Schools



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

National Institute  
of Food and  
Agriculture

## NIFA LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



Land-Grant Institutions in all 50 States & 6 Territories



# Cooperative Extension Service...

- Provides research-based education
- Partners with individuals & businesses
- Strengthens the lives of people and industries





# **Extension Service...**

- **Offices in every county  
(3,142)**
- **Staffed with experts:**
  - **Agriculture**
  - **Engineering**
  - **Horticulture**
  - **Natural Resources**
- **Linkages to Land-Grant  
University**

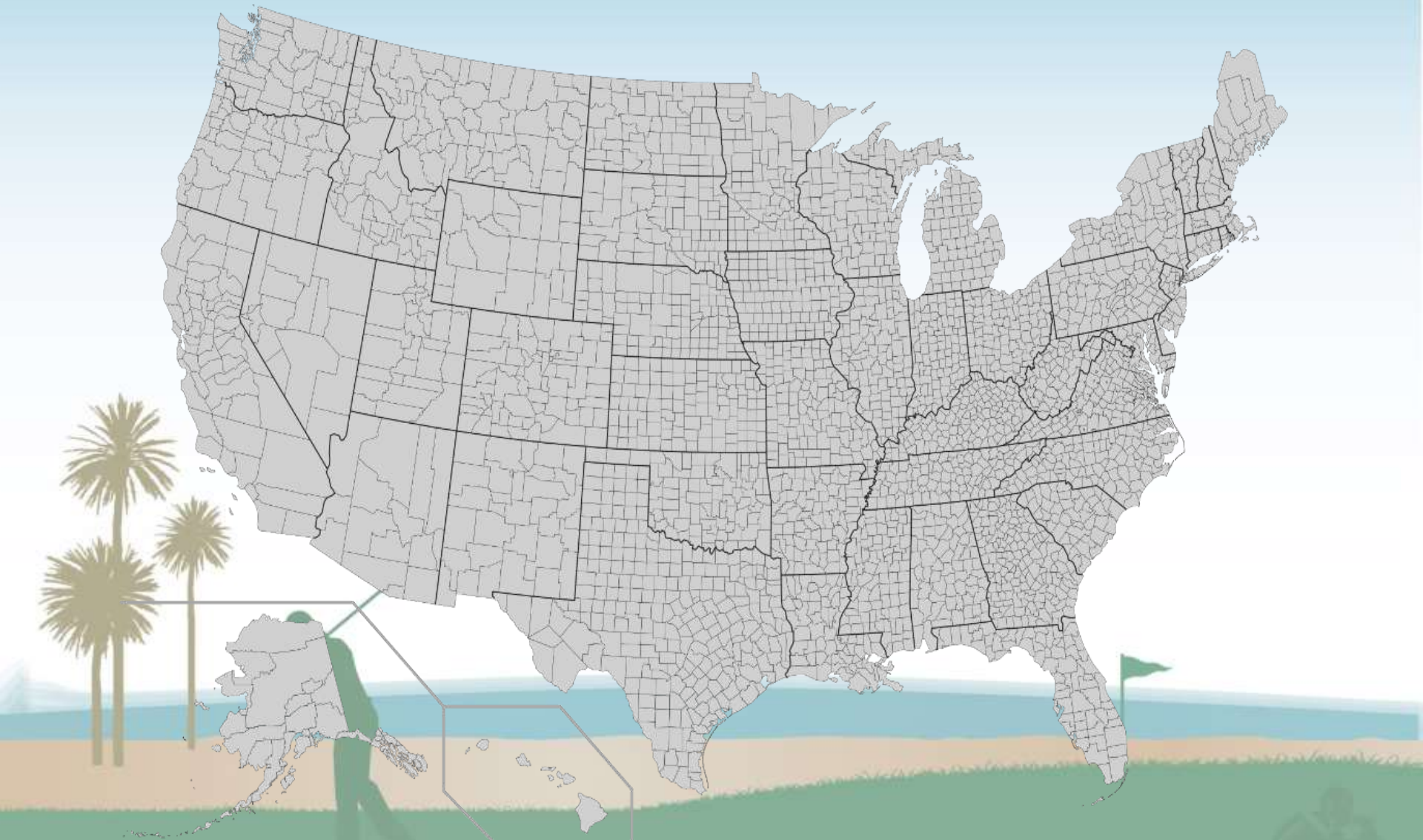


# EXT SVC Values...

- Excellence in educational programing
- Unbiased research-based information
- Practical programs that engage the populace



# Cooperative Extension Service



**There are 3,142 counties in the United States.**

# Connecting with the Ext SVC...

- Develop a database on courses & sports turf
- Use a ListServ to inform supers & turf managers
- Grassroots programs engage supers & managers

## Contact Info for the Superintendents of the SCG&TA

<u>Course Name &amp; Address</u>	<u>General Manager</u>	<u>Greens Superintendent</u>
Name <input type="text"/>	Name <input type="text"/>	Name <input type="text"/> <small>*GCSAA*</small>
Street <input type="text"/>	E-Mail <input type="text"/>	E-Mail <input type="text"/>
City, State, Zip <input type="text"/>	Cell # <input type="text"/>	Cell # <input type="text"/>
Course # <input type="text"/>	Office # <input type="text"/>	Office # <input type="text"/>
Web Site <input type="text"/>	Assistant Superintendent <input type="text"/>	
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	Maintenance Tech. <input type="text"/>	
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		Cell # <input type="text"/>
	Irrigation Technician <input type="text"/>	
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# **Communicating with Supers & Managers**

- **E-Mail Land-Grant  
education & research**
- **Phone calls demonstrate  
commitment**
- **Receive Cutting-Edge Turf  
Enhancement Strategies**

# Involve Stakeholders

- **Grassroots programs engage supers & managers**
- **Site visits create relationships**
- **Get general managers on board**





# **On-Turf Visits by EXT SVC...**

- **Determine stakeholder needs**
- **Supers/Managers query EXT SVC staff**
- **Paint vivid reality picture**



# During On-Turf Visits...

- **Collect insect, turf & soil samples**
- **Prepare course as Land-Grant Research Project**
- **Become seminar subject**





# **In-Service Seminars provide “much needed” learning**

- **Needs assessment with superintendents & managers**
- **Curriculum developed by EXT SVC**
- **Instruction delivered by state EXT specialists**

# Seminars impart:

- **2-3 In-Service opportunities & 1 Field Day annually**
- **3 – 4 CEUs for chemical license renewal**
- **Networking among Supers & Turfgrass Managers**







# **Curriculum for Seminars...**

- 1. Nutritional Deficiencies**
- 2. Insect/Weed Control**
- 3. Plant Pathogens**
- 4. Irrigation Efficiencies**

# **SCG&TA - Alliance for Supers & Turfgrass Managers**

- **Group of partners & stakeholders**
- **Gain knowledge and assistance from EXT SVC**
- **Learn & grow as a team with EXT SVC support**





## **The SCG&TA:**

- **Provides education**
- **Identifies resources**
- **Facilitates intellectual  
yet practical exchanges**





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# **An Association for Golf Course Superintendents**

**The Space Coast Golf & Turf Association (SCG&TA)**

**is a group of partners representing golf courses,**

**turf grass managers and other stakeholders in the**

**community/county who are desirous of gaining**

**knowledge and assistance from**

**Cooperative Extension Service.**





# Purposes of an Association for Superintendents:

1. Providing educational activities for course & turf improvement.
2. Identifying county resources to achieve course enhancement.
3. Delivering intellectual & mechanical exchanges to course/field staff.
4. Recommending changes and improvements to courses & fields.







## **Benefits of an Association for Superintendents:**

- 1. Providing In-Service Sessions - Classroom & Field.**
- 2. Continual Communication foster Superintendents development.**
- 3. Preparing your course/facility to be local Land-Grant Demonstration Project.**
- 4. Maintaining focus on relative economic & environmental issues.**





## **What makes an effective association:**

- 1. Individuals are genuinely committed to their profession.**
- 2. Superintendents & managers sincerely desire to be involved.**
- 3. Members feel a sense of engagement & ownership.**
- 4. Expectations about the association are clear & consistent.**





# **Associations needs an Executive Committee:**

- 1. An adequate number of members would be 5-7.  
(3-4 Superintendents & 2-3 Turf Managers)**
- 2. Meeting 3-5 times per year.**
- 3. Providing the key planning and leadership for the association.** (Chair – Superintendent,  
Vice Chair - Turf Managers &  
Secretary – EXT SVC Staff)
- 4. Assisting with program evaluation & recommending future actions.**





## To Develop A Similar Association:

1. Contact Superintendents and Turfgrass Managers in your County.
2. See if Turfgrass Managers in your County's Parks & Recreation might be interested.
3. Connect Superintendents and Turfgrass Managers with your County's EXT SVC.
4. Create an Association for Golf Superintendents and Turfgrass Managers in your County.

**Associations supplement but do not compete with the area GCSAA chapters.**

