# Press Release: New York Golf Day Film

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## New Film Takes Viewers Inside the First New York Golf Day at the State Capitol

*Empire State Golf Alliance releases "Golf Comes to Albany: Inside New York Golf Day" and six short videos featuring state leaders, as golf's $12.9 billion impact on New York takes center stage*

**ALBANY, N.Y. (November 16, 2026)** The Empire State Golf Alliance (ESGA) today released "Golf Comes to Albany: Inside New York Golf Day," a short film capturing the first New York Golf Day, when more than 150 golf industry leaders, legislators, community organizations, and workforce partners gathered at the State Capitol on May 12, 2026 to share golf's economic, environmental, and community impact.

The day marked several firsts for the sport in New York: Senate and Assembly resolutions recognizing golf's contributions to the state, and the launch of New York's first bipartisan Golf Caucus, led by Assembly Member Amanda Septimo. Seven legislators addressed attendees during the program.

The film is joined by six short videos, released through Giving Tuesday, December 1, featuring leaders who took part in the day:

- Empire State Development CEO and President Hope Knight, on golf as an economic driver
- Assembly Member Amanda Septimo, on recreation and access to the game
- Senator Monica Martinez, on golf and the environment
- Assembly Member Judy Griffin, on jobs and wages
- Assembly Member Tommy John Schiavoni, on golf for everyone and its charitable giving
- PGA HOPE Ambassador Tamari Watkins of the Metropolitan PGA Section, on golf and veterans

"New York Golf Day showed policymakers what golf means to every corner of this state: jobs, greenspace, charity, and community. This film lets everyone who couldn't be in Albany see that story for themselves, and it sets the stage for even greater impact to come," said Tom Kaplun, President of the Empire State Golf Alliance and Golf Course And Grounds Superintendent at Huntington Country Club.

New York Golf Day built on the 2025 New York Golf Economic & Environmental Impact Study, commissioned by ESGA and conducted by Radius Sports Group with additional collaboration from Cornell University. The study found that golf in New York:

- Generates $12.9 billion in total economic output
- Supports approximately 89,000 jobs and $3.8 billion in wages
- Contributes more than $1 billion in state and local taxes

- Preserves more than 103,000 acres of greenspace
- Raises $267 million for charities each year

The film and all six shorts are available at newyorkgolfimpact.org/new-york-golf-day and on YouTube at https://youtu.be/5BBWQLWX1Vw.

The event was supported by participating golf organizations, allied associations, workforce partners, local businesses, and industry supporters committed to advancing the positive economic, environmental, and community impacts of golf across New York State. New York Golf Day returns on Tuesday, April 27, 2027, at the New York State Capitol, with expanded space for careers in golf, students and apprentices, and interactive stations on environmental best management practices.

**About the Empire State Golf Alliance**

Empire State Golf Alliance includes 19 golf industry associations dedicated to representing golf courses and organizations across New York State, including: Adirondack Golf Course Superintendents Association; Capital District Golf Club Association, Capital Region Golf Course Owners Association, Central New York Section PGA of America; Hudson Valley Golf Course Superintendents Association; Long Island Golf Course Superintendents Association; Metropolitan Chapter of the Club Management Association of America; Metropolitan Section PGA of America; New York State Chapter of the Club Management Association of America; National Golf Course Owners Association; New York Golf Course Foundation; New York Golf Course Superintendents Association; New York State Golf Association; New York State Turfgrass Association; Northeastern Golf Course Superintendents Association; Northeastern New York Section PGA of America; Metropolitan Golf Association; Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association; and Western New York Section PGA of America.

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