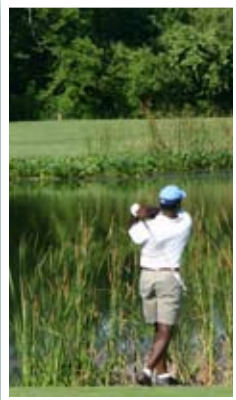


Oak Wing Golf Course



The 208-acre Oak Wing Golf Course evolved from a base Re-use Master Plan developed by the Air Force upon the closure of England Air Force Base in Alexandria, Louisiana. England Authority, the governing body for the closed air base property, worked diligently to transform the closed base into a viable economic development area. Today the area hosts an international airport, a championship 18-hole golf course, college learning center, businesses, industry, and retirement housing.

In 1998, the England Authority contracted Moore Planning Group, LLC (MPG) to bring the golf course portion of the Re-use Master Plan to life. The project's size and scope necessitated the breakdown of the project down into smaller parts. The first challenge MPG faced was the removal of existing facilities no longer serving a useful purpose, to allow for development of the new golf course. Existing park infrastructure needed to be modified and new infrastructure developed to accommodate the new facility. Due to a restricted time schedule, several sub-projects needed simultaneous construction. They included building demolition, site demolition, site utilities and drainage, irrigation wells, golf course construction, landscaping, and a new clubhouse.

Project success depended on coordination and cooperation with the U.S. Air Force, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, FAA, Army Corp of Engineers, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and other permitting organizations, so a team effort that included the design team, the England Economic and Industrial Development District, and all governing agencies required to monitor the project, addressed the initial design steps. The designs and subsequent construction followed strict guidelines necessitated by the "brown field" condition that exists at England Airpark.

Collaborative efforts and the use of smart growth planning transformed a closed airbase into an award winning economic success.

- Louisiana Chapter, ASLA Merit Award, 2005
- Region 6, EPA Environmental, Certificate of Recognition, 2004
- Wildlife Habitat Council / EPA, Certificate of Recognition, 2005

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