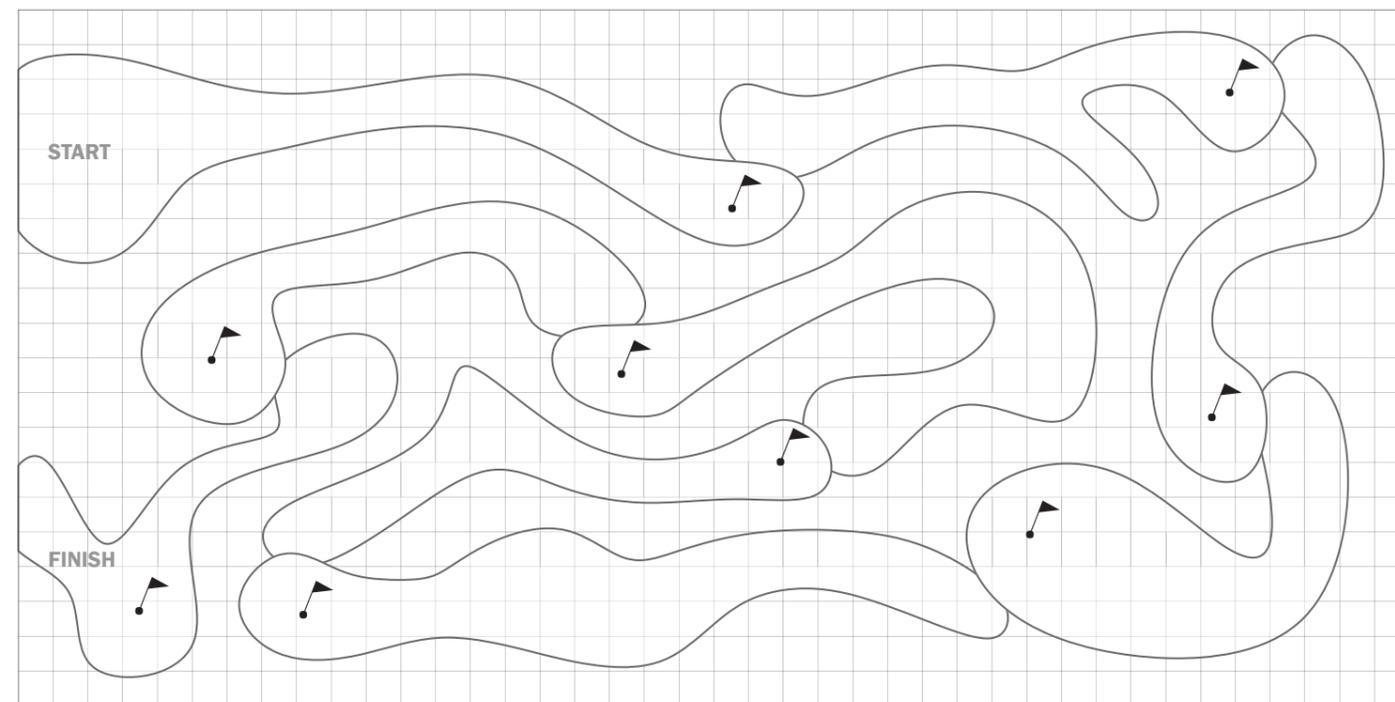
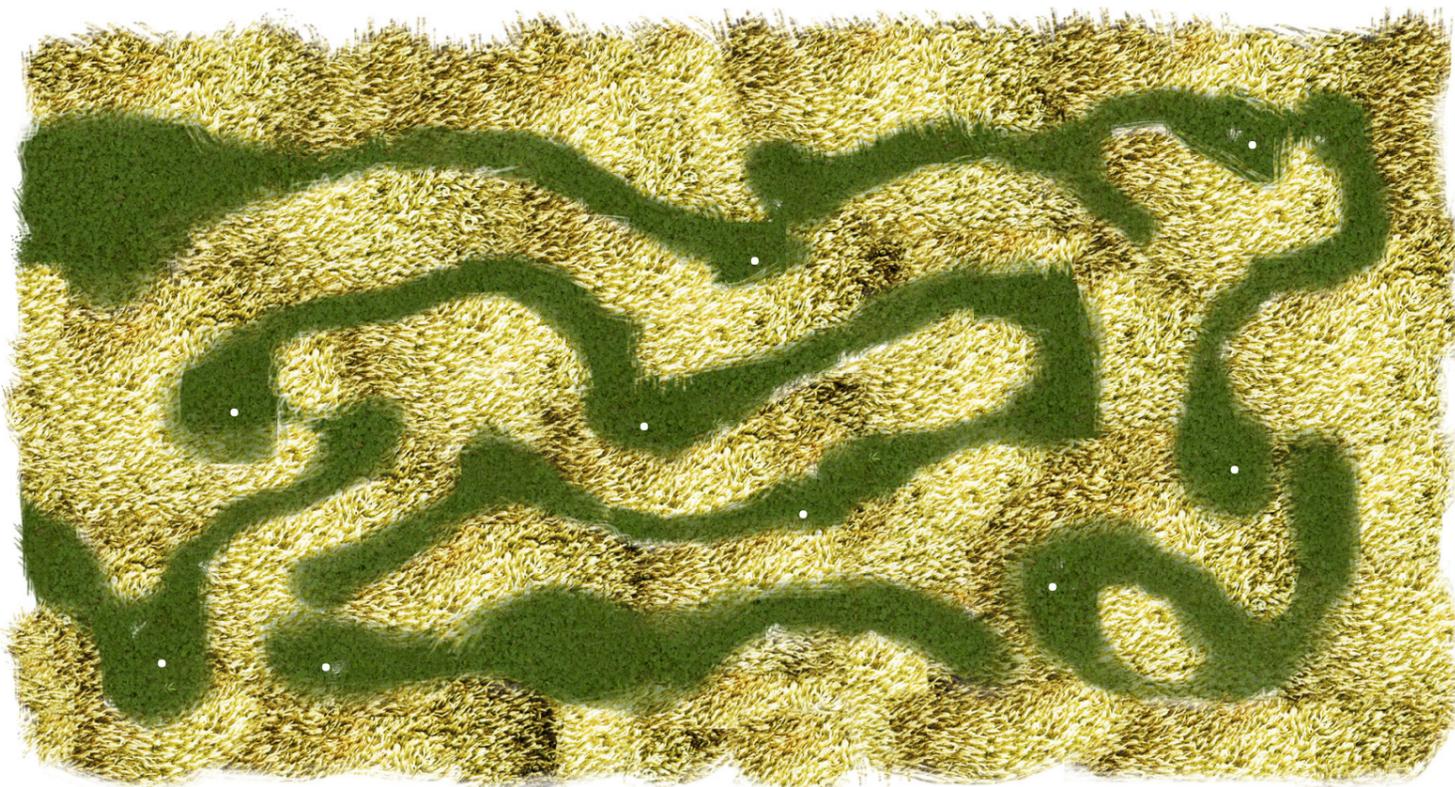


STEP 1 Making glacial terrain of Quebec (10 m X 20 m)



STEP 2 Layout of 9-hole mini golf courses (0.5 m grid)



STEP 3 Planting of spring wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) and Dutch white clover (*Trifolium repens*)

EDIBLE COURSES

A Synergistic Relationship of Golf and Organic Agriculture

Golf courses consume vast amounts of land and resources while generating chemical contamination, depleting the underground water supply and supporting inequitable labor relations, especially in the tourism-oriented developing world. Opposed to the exclusivity and exorbitant expense associated with golf, many environmentally-aware grassroots groups have promoted organic farming as a conservation-oriented alternative to large-scale leisure development. The two camps have so far been unable to come to an accord on the subject; fully supporting one side while completely objecting to the other in this seemingly never-ending conflict for life or profit. However, with deepened knowledge about ecology and biological dynamics, increasing numbers on both sides are starting to challenge the status quo; a golf course with management practices based on environmental stewardship that uses significantly less chemicals and, on the other side, organic farms with stronger economic viability boosted by eco-minded tourism and a cooperative strategic approach rather than a defensive attitude towards other industries in the community.

This project explores ways to mediate the two isolated discussions and proposes a single integrated landscape that hosts both activities. The juxtaposition may appear to be a somewhat bizarre blending of different perspectives at first glance, but linking the two disparate enterprises by their common critical element positions landscape as a tool for planning, implementation, and integration of biology with culture. The spring wheat is planted in April and harvested in October with the closing of the garden. The Dutch white clover for fairway covers quickly and crowds out weeds and prevent erosion while providing low growing carpet of greenery to play mini golf with lighter toy golf balls. Clover builds humus and enriches soil and also feels great on bare feet especially for children.

