

Did you know?

Land Use in the U.S.

Data from the Golf Course Environmental Profile's property profile and environmental stewardship of golf courses survey provides information about land use on golf courses. Accounting for golf courses in the U.S. as 18-hole equivalents, there are 14,969 golf facilities with an estimated total of 2,244,512 acres.

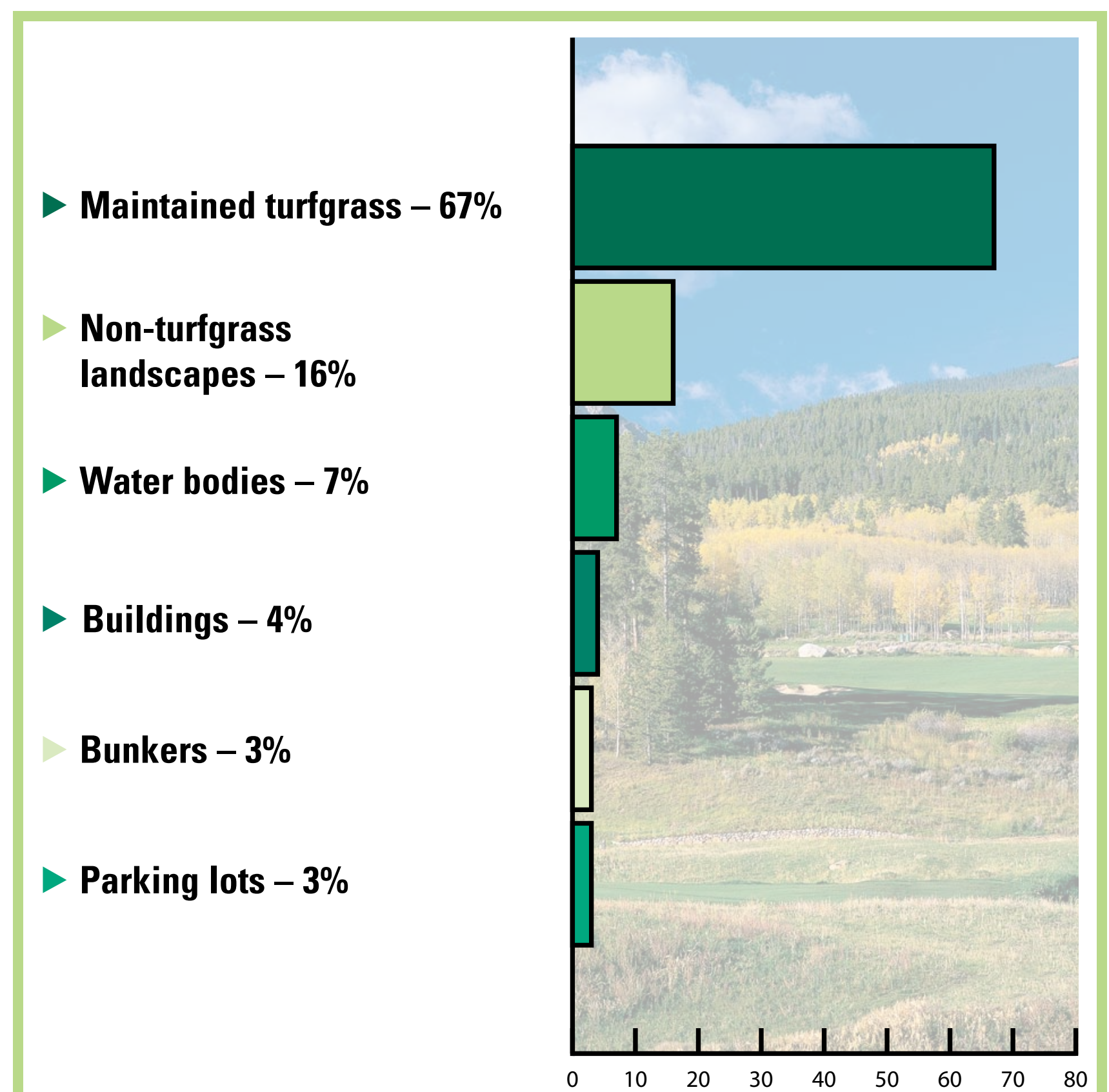
Land use on an average 18-hole golf course:

Aggregate Acreage	
Total	2,244,512
Maintained turfgrass	1,504,210
Non-turfgrass landscapes	358,278
Water bodies	161,183
Buildings	78,814
Bunkers	74,383
Parking lots	67,644

- According to the NRCS 2003 Natural Resource Inventory, developed land has increased from 72.9 million acres in 1982 to 108.1 million acres in 2003. Golf facilities account for 2% of the total developed acreage in the U.S.
- 91% of the average golf facility provides greenspace.

Benefits of greenspace:

- Stormwater runoff filtering and storage
- Greenspaces are cooler than impervious surfaces, reducing the heat-island effect in urban areas
- Wildlife habitat
- Improve air quality
- Increase property values
- Recreation



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