



CATEECHEE GOLF CLUB

HARTWELL, GEORGIA

Natural Region: Southeastern Plain

Watershed: Upper Savannah

Located on 473 acres and blending into the natural surroundings of a predominately mixed hardwood forest is an 18-hole golf course in the rolling hills of the northeast Piedmont Plateau south of Hartwell, Georgia. Designed as an effluent land application system for the City of Hartwell, Cateechee's greens, tees, and fairways make up less than 25% of the project acreage. The golf course handles more than 639 million gallons of treated waste water annually as irrigation water through 1,600 sprinkler heads on 270 acres. Because of this system, the City of Hartwell has abandoned its practice of discharging effluent water into a local stream. Cateechee was also built with an innovative drainage system that removes water quickly from the course and uses natural plants as filters and buffers to protect nearby water sources. The word Cateechee is a Cherokee word for "water head". On June 28, 1999, Cateechee Golf Club became the first Certified Audubon International Signature Cooperative Sanctuary in the state of Georgia.



Wildflower meadows attract insects, which in turn attract songbirds and small mammals. Cateechee Golf Club is helping preserve a part of Georgia's southeastern plains ecosystem by planting native vegetation.