

The role of the Golf Ireland Sustainability Committee is to assist golf clubs and golf enterprises to present their golf courses and associated facilities to the highest standard possible while:

- Reducing and ultimately eliminating the use of fossil fuels
- Reducing energy use and exploring opportunities for the generation of power on the golf course property and associated sites
- Ensuring the golf course is open for play in all except the most inclement of weather conditions
- Managing each golf course as a unique ecosystem
- Reducing the use of added nutrients (fertilisers) while still presenting high quality playing surfaces
- Reducing the use of pesticides
- Promoting biodiversity through the management and enhancement of the various elements of the golf course – greens, tees, fairways, roughs, woodland, aquatic features, dune systems etc.
- Mapping of golf courses to provide information and data for decision making
- Enhancing decision making by monitoring of the environment through the use of weather stations, soil, water and moisture testing, surveys of flora and fauna etc.
- Promoting the use of new technology to enhance decision making
- Supporting the education sector in the provision of high quality educational and training courses for staff and members
- Supporting the continuous professional development programmes of the greenkeeping organisations for superintendents, greenkeepers/course operational staff and members
- Complying with all relevant government legislation
- Promoting and developing programmes for recycling, repair and the circular economy
- Coordinating climate change and biodiversity initiatives with the communities in which golf courses are located.
- Assisting golf clubs in sourcing funding from Government, State Agencies and other bodies for projects, research and data collection.