

Planting Tutorial for TW08 courses Designers

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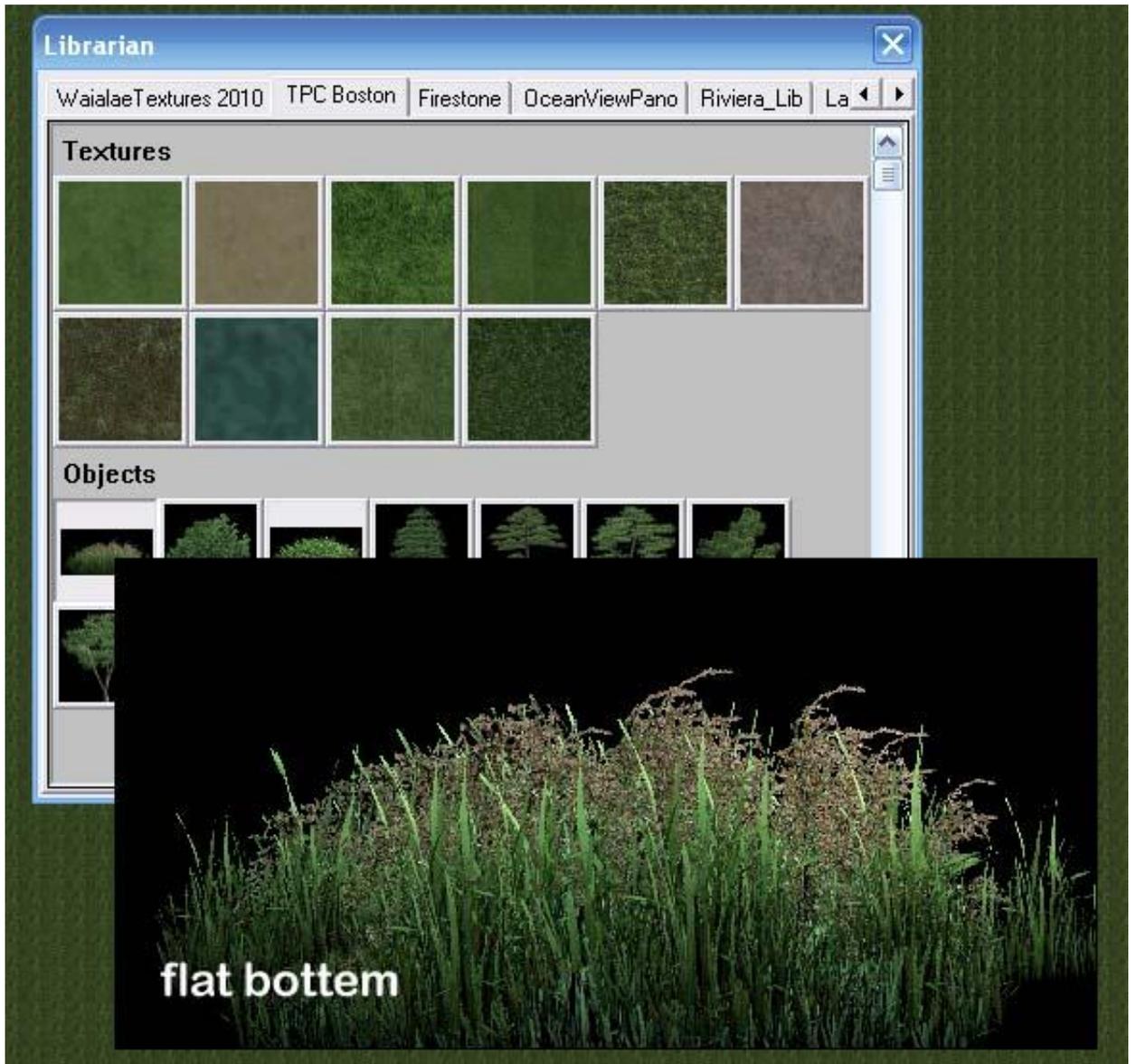
I have gotten a few requests on my planting techniques and will share them with all.

1. I always use 3 levels of rough outside the fairway or 1st cut. In this case I will use pgax doral rough @ 15ft wide, pgax doral deep rough 20ft wide and westchester deep rough as my plot base texture. In the game, when I look at all 3 texture it gives me 3 different heights.

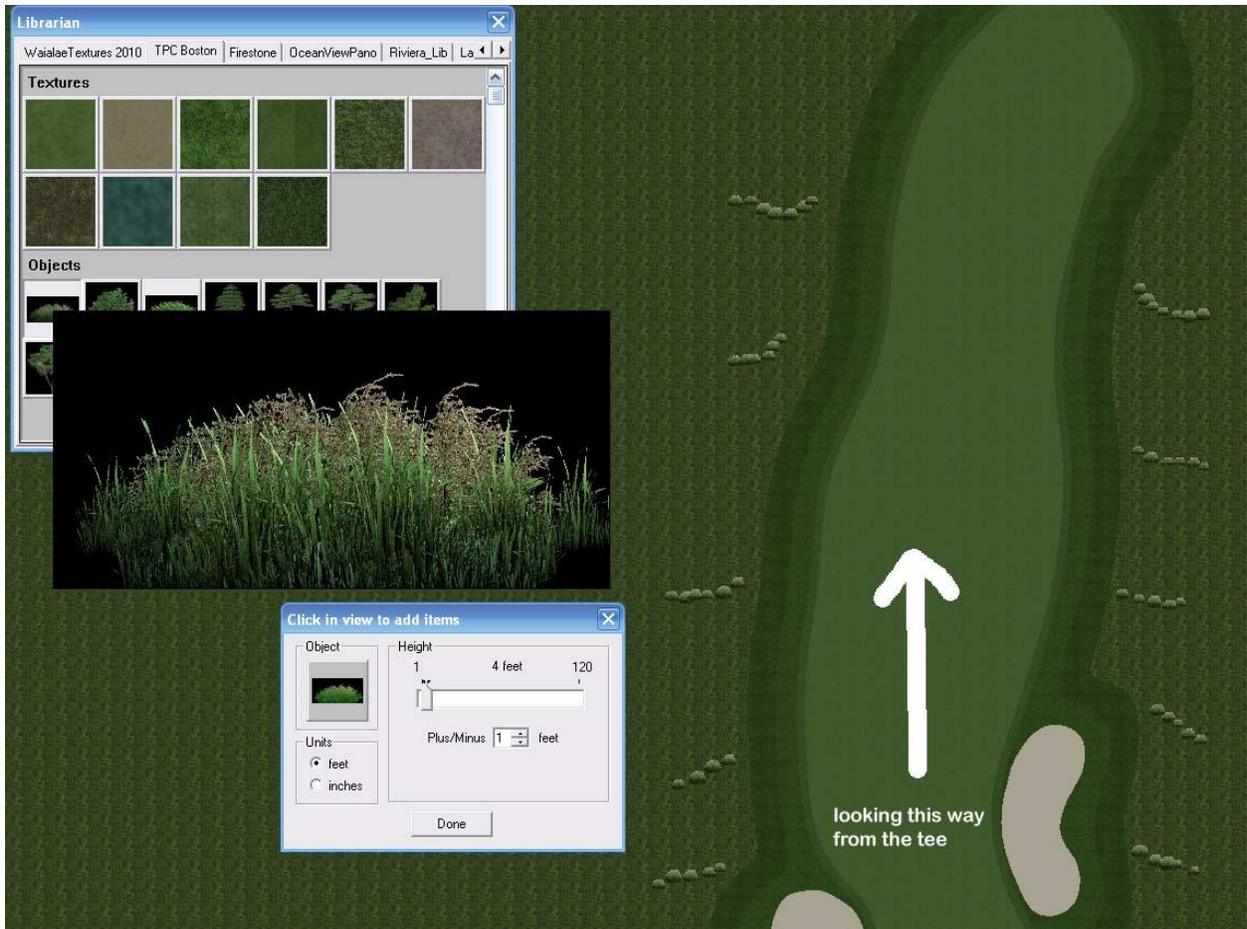


2. I only plant in the deepest of rough, in this case it's the westchester dp rough, other types could be K club dp rough. If you plant in a plan rough or a short dp rough it tends to make the bush seem like its floating.
3. I always try to plant in groups and try and stick with 3 -5 libraries.

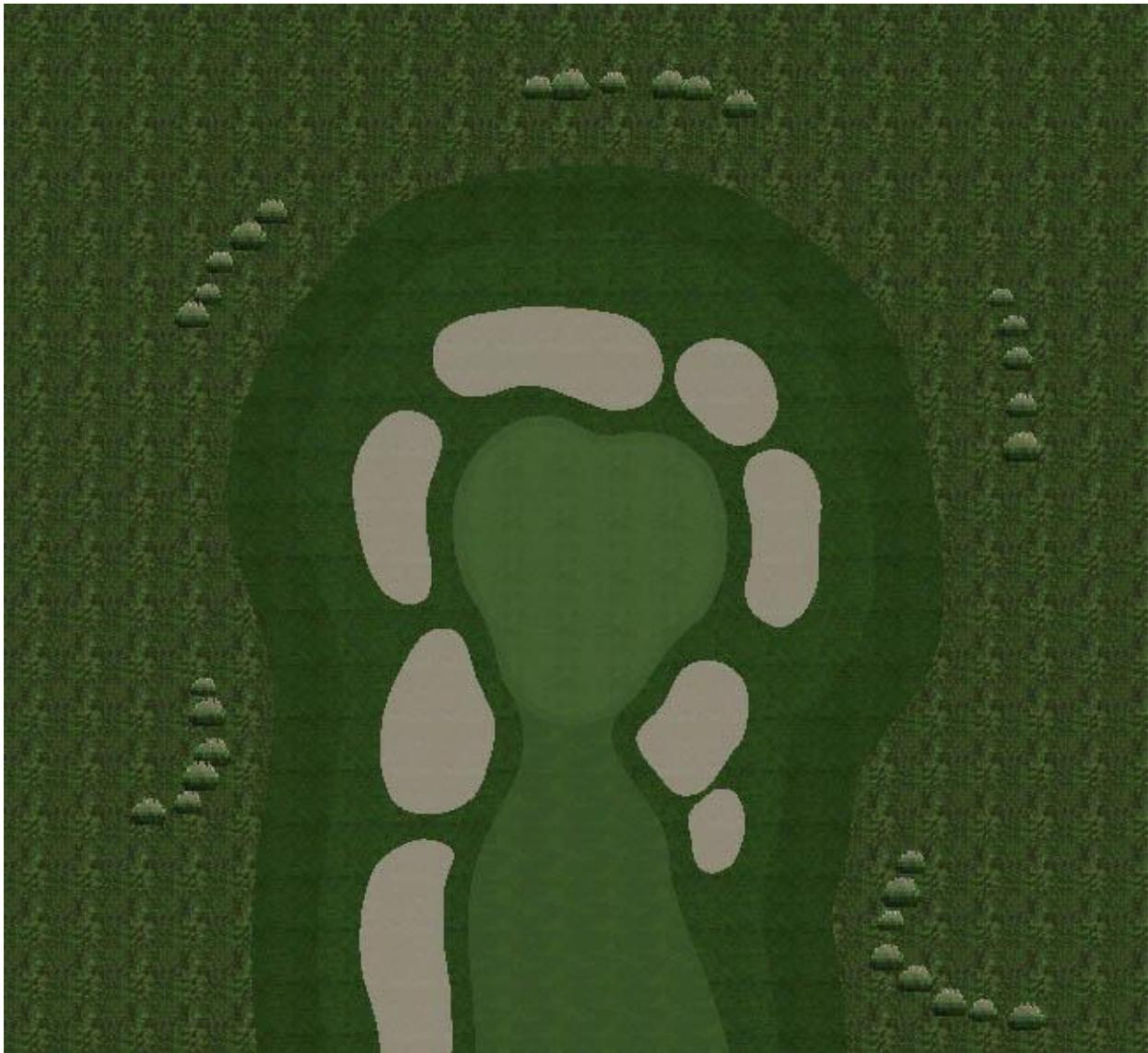
4. I start out using a flat bottem bush like this one here for stock library tpc boston



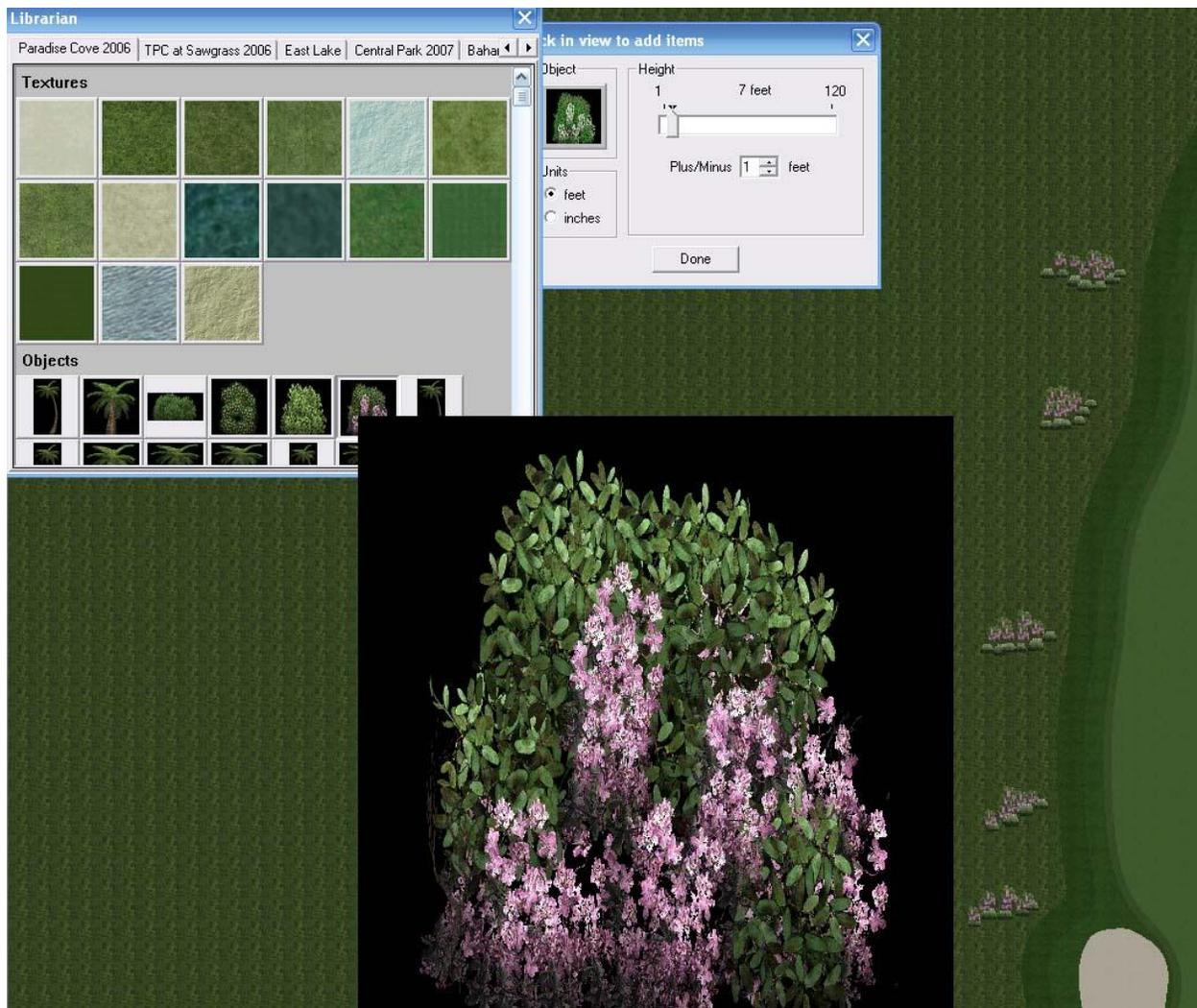
Here I use 4 ft boston bush with plus or minus 1 and use 4-8 of them in kind of a crooked or somewhat of a arc shape about 3 feet from the edge into the deepest of rough postion as you would see them from the tee as the 1^{first} row.



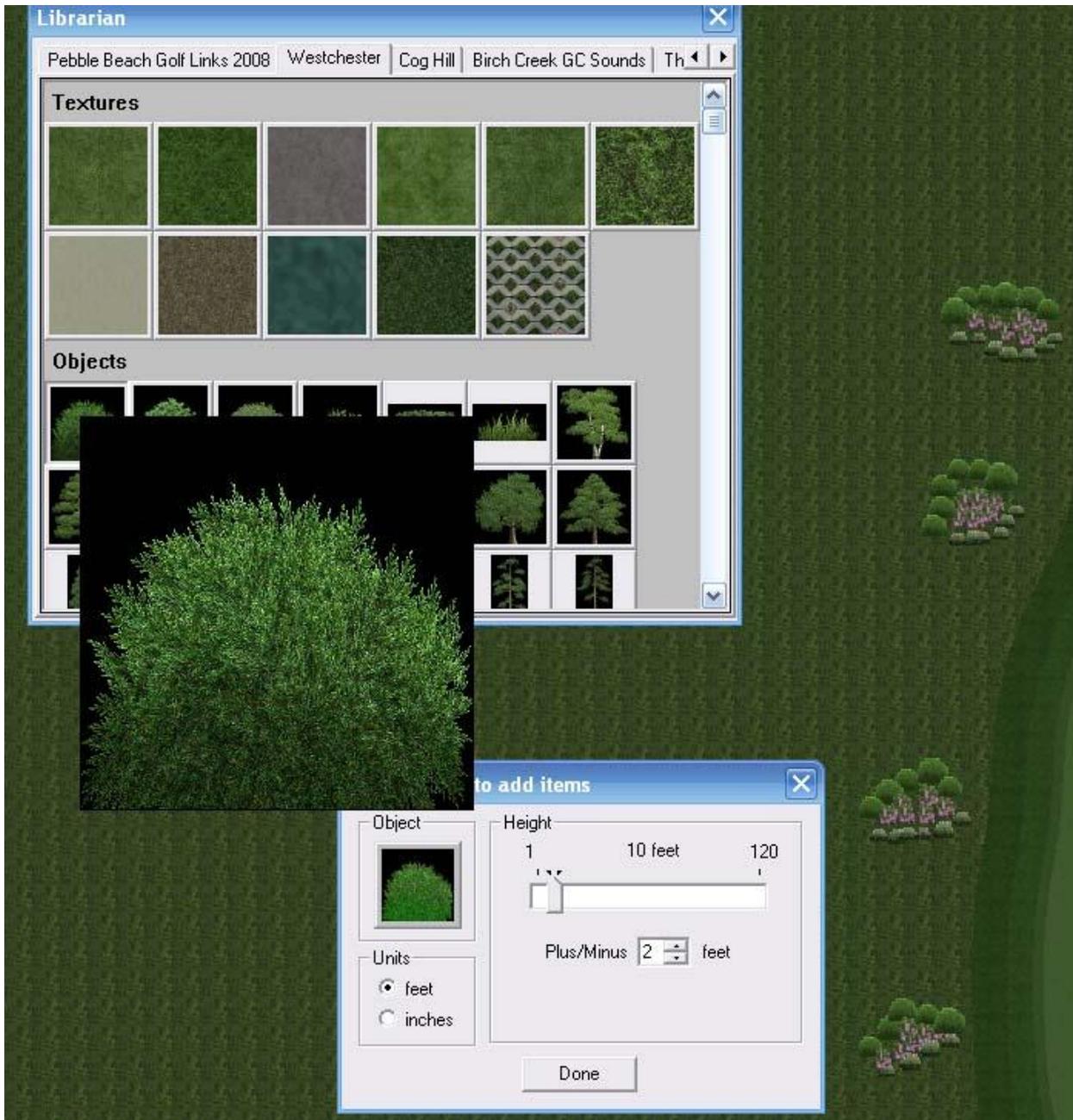
Notice how I change my groups around the green



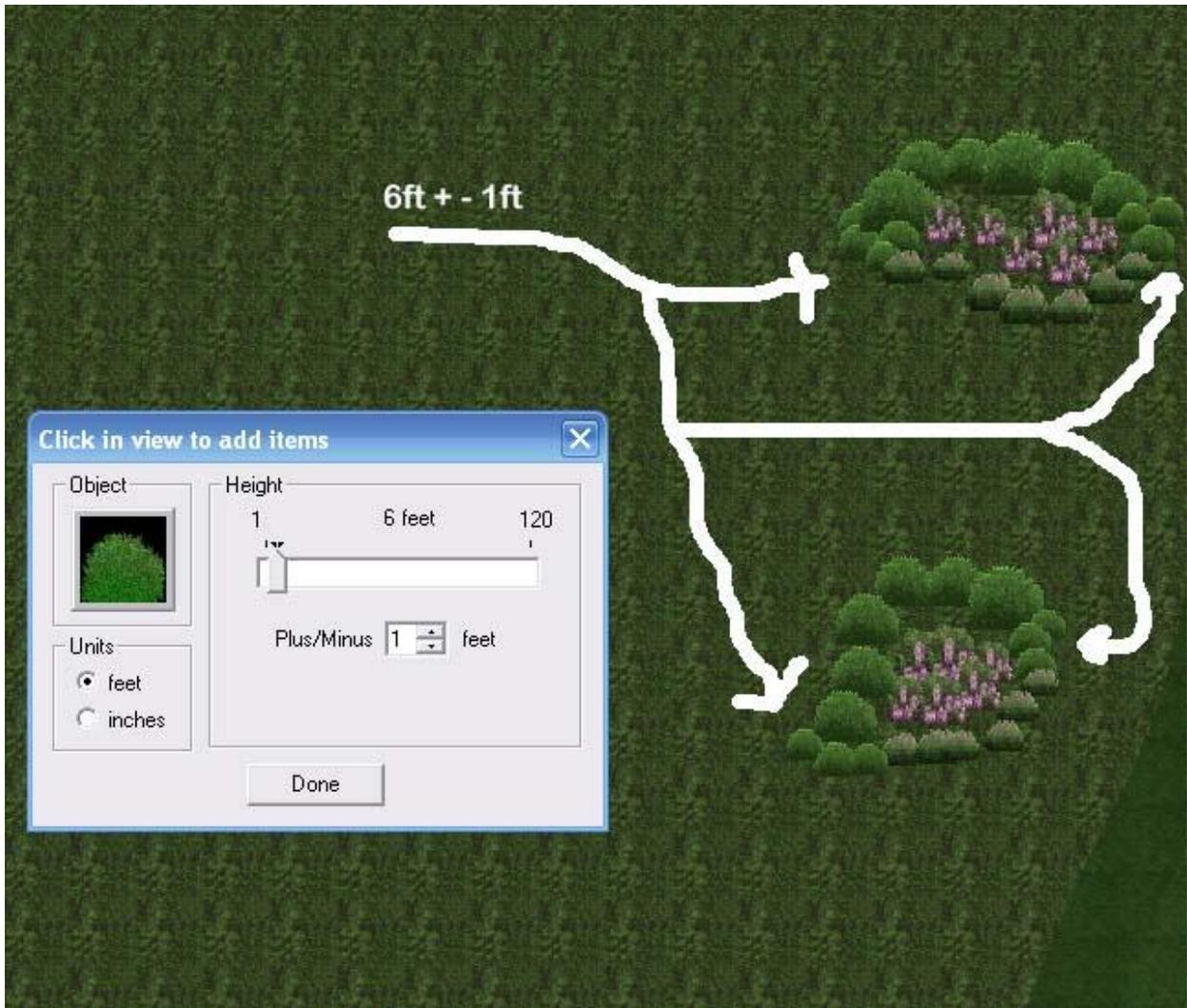
I plant behind this row with my next @ a height of 7ft plus minus 1ft I might add a few taller plants to a couple of the groups @ 9ft



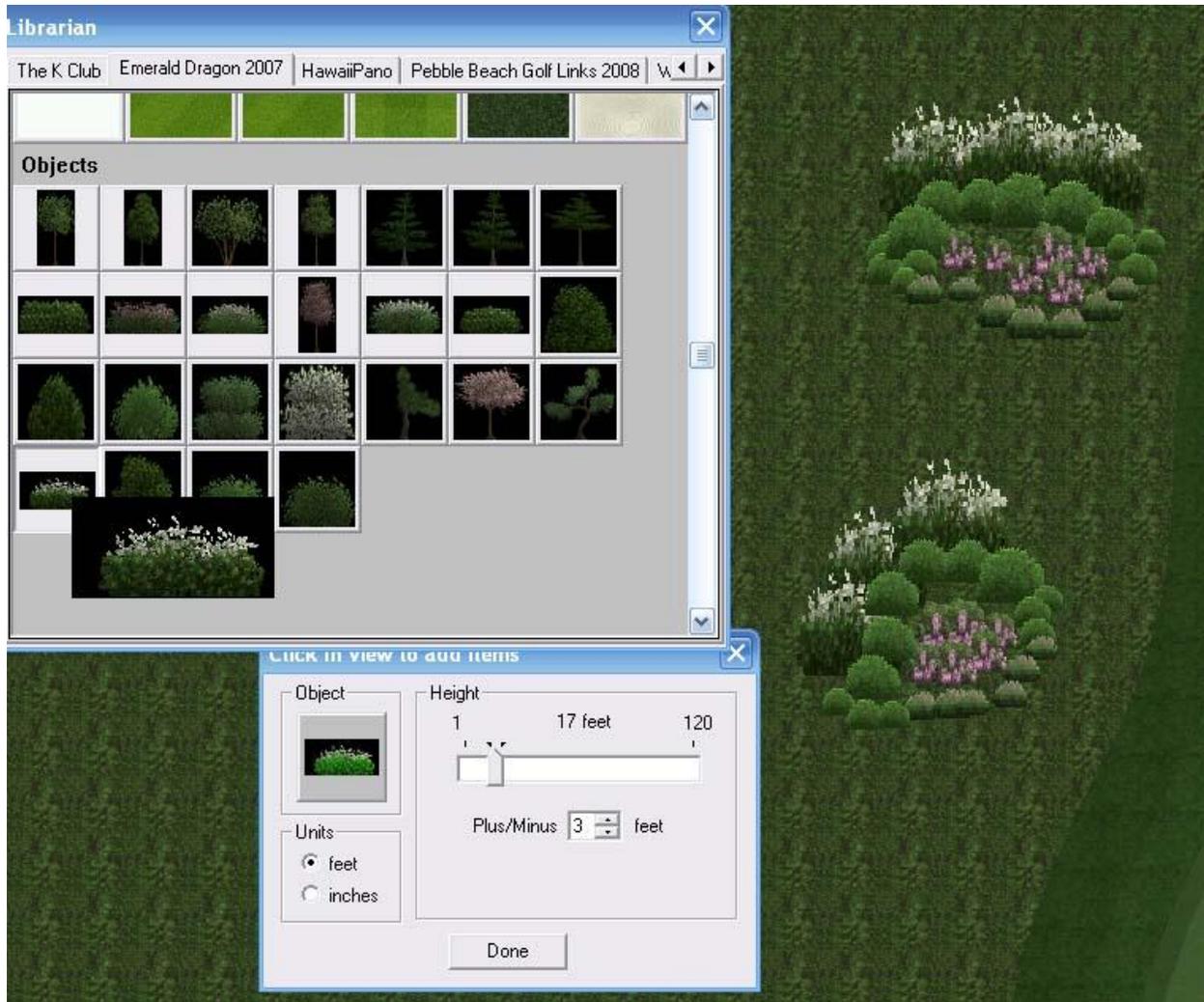
Next I go to the 3rd row @ a height of 10ft plus minus 2



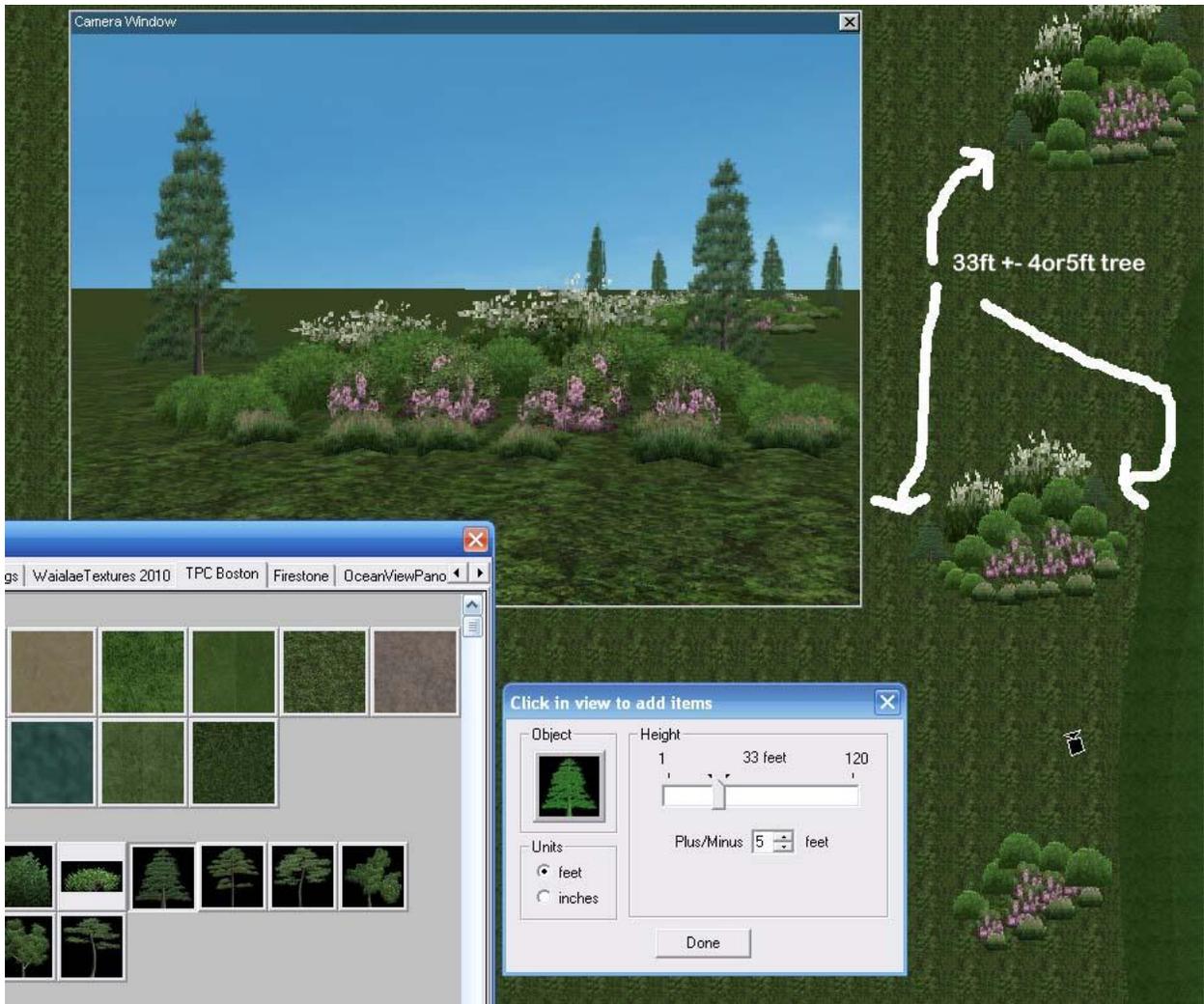
Now I go back back and resize the same bush to a height of 6ft plus minus 1ft and fill in a gaps

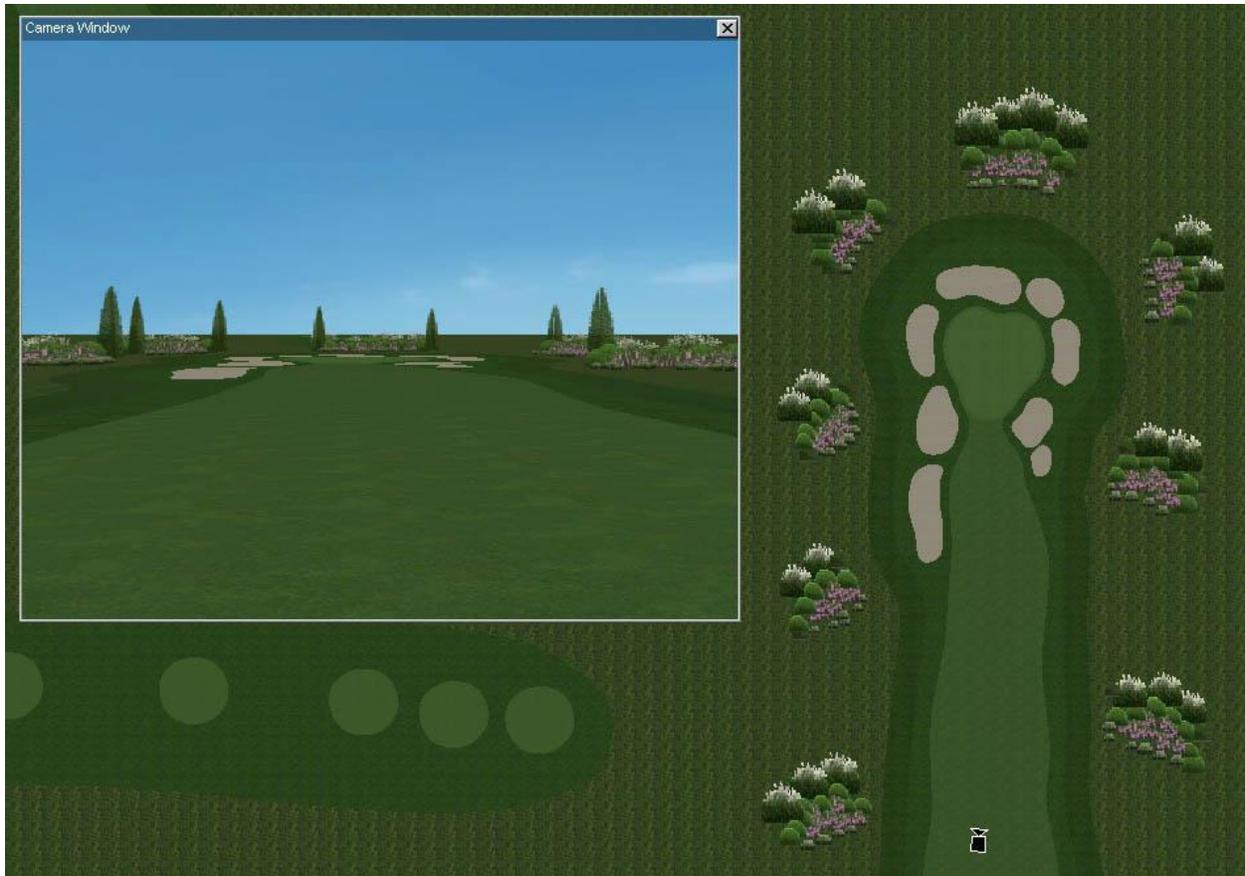


Next I use choose a plant that goes with my flower plant @ a height of 17ft plus minus 3

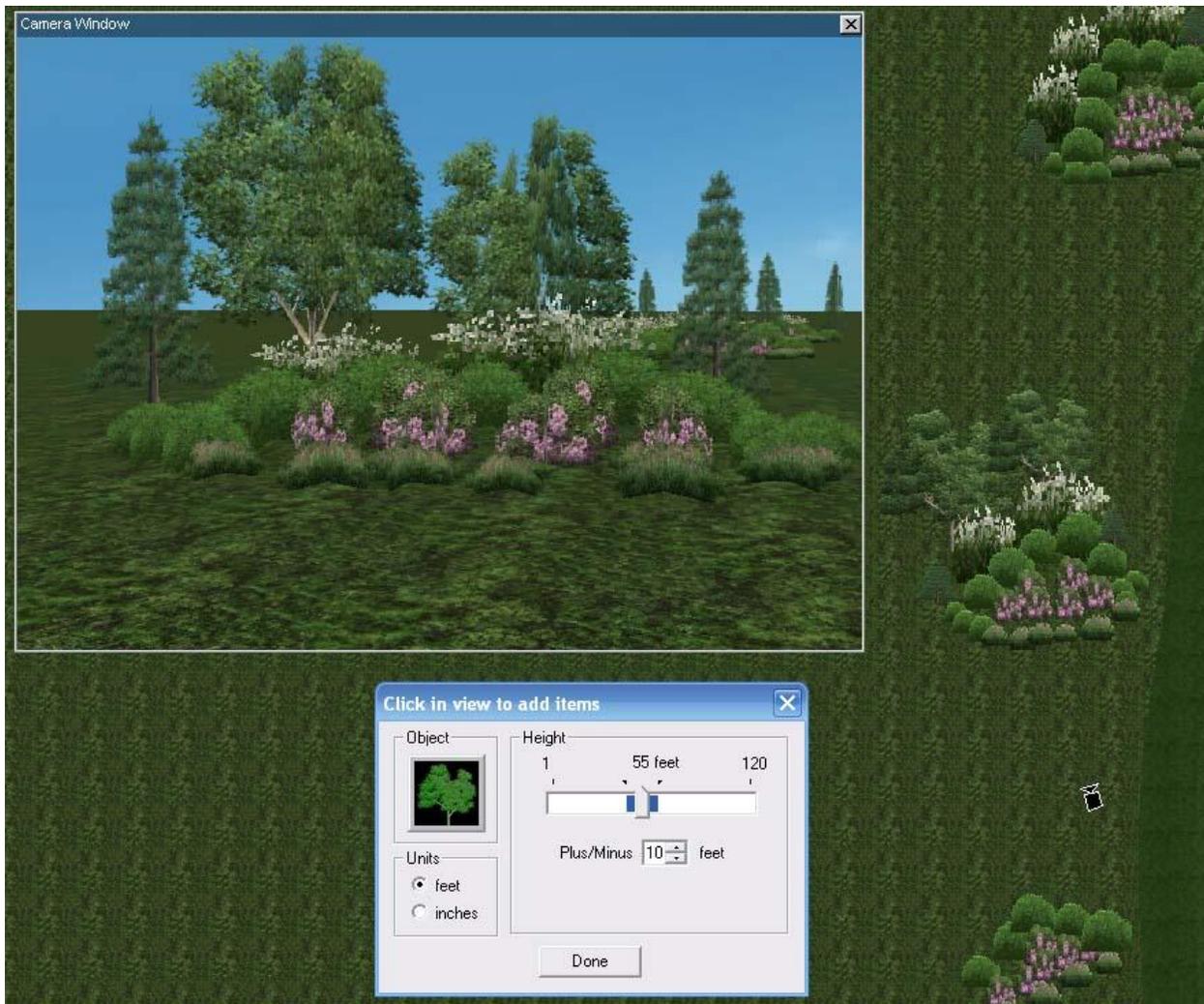


Now I look for a tree to put at the ends of my group @ a height of 33ft plus minus 4 or 5 ft

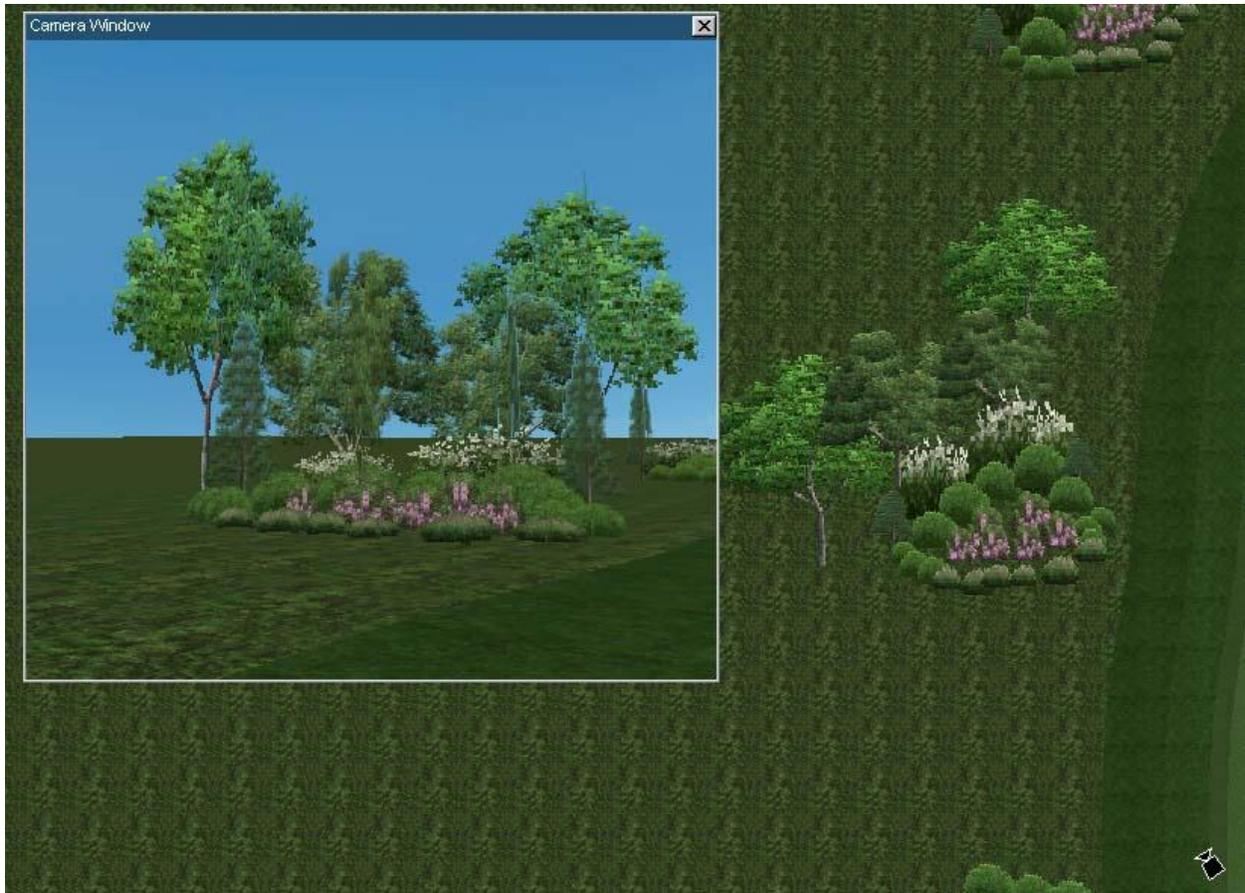




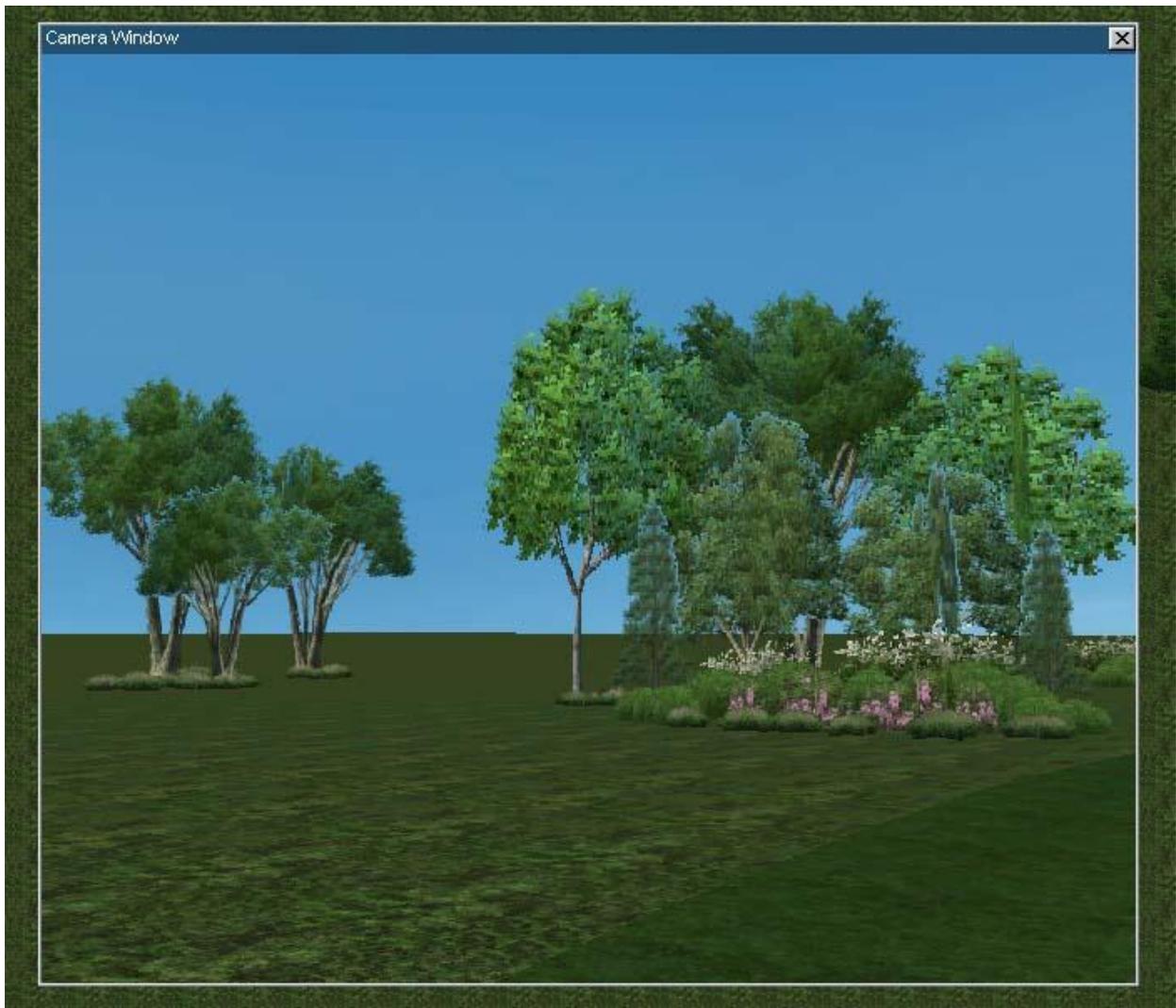
Now I find a tree that will hang over the top of my groups that matches what I have @ height of 55ft plus minus 10ft, sometime I use 1 with every group sometime 2 and sometime 3 trees a group always nice to keep them different for a more natural look.



Now I will use tall trees to fill in behind the groups but the taller the tree less amount of them I use. I will use sizes of 75ft plus minus 10 and 95ft plus minus 10



I use a few groups of trees without the groups of plants on the course too, but I like too use a flat bottem bushes in front of them so they don't look stuck there

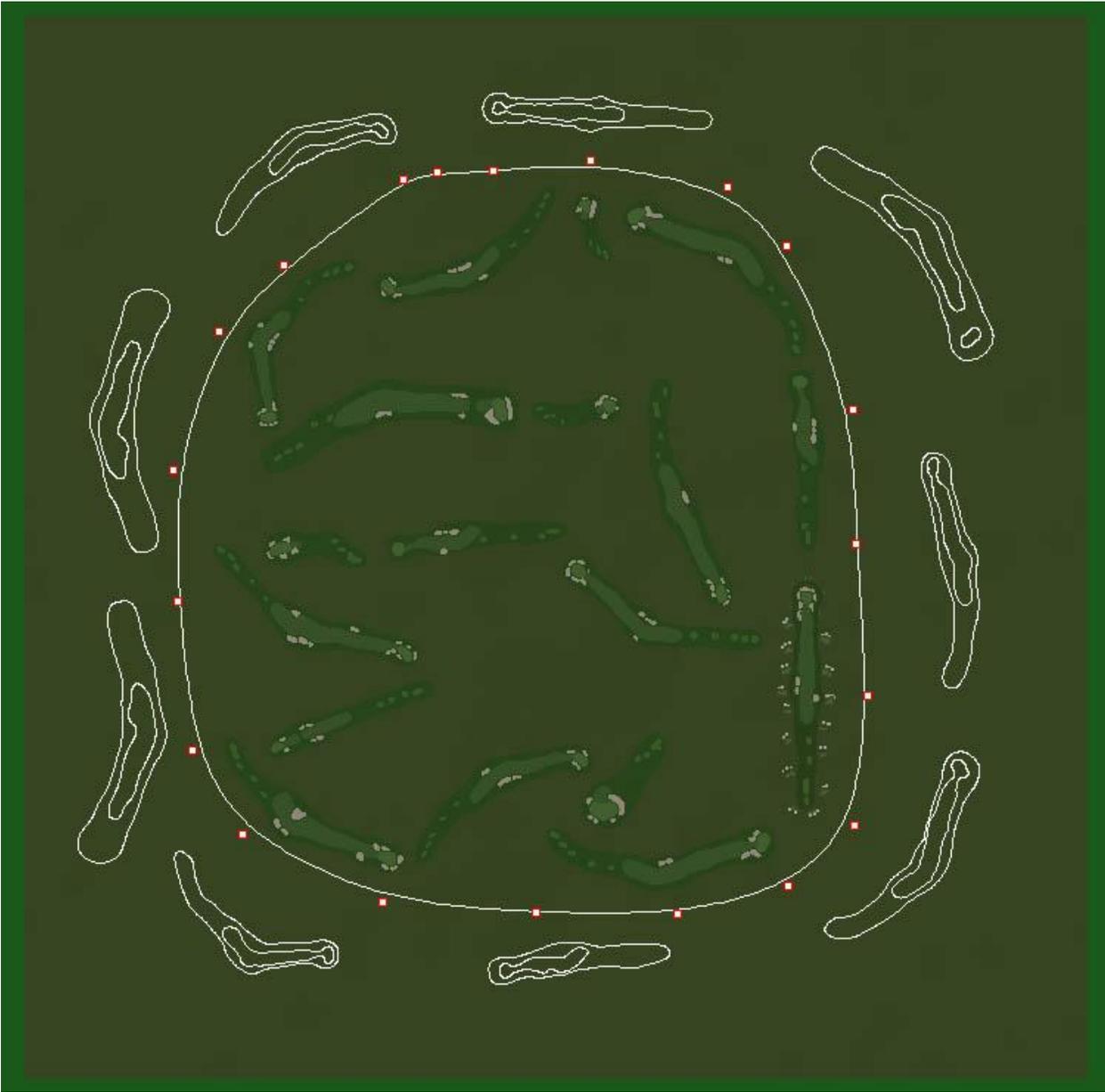


Here is 18 hole layout



If you notice I have about a 400-500 yard buffer zone outside my 18 holes all around it and will fill that in with my dummy holes, (holes that are not played but fill in the empty area and make any course look fuller) I do not do any ground work to

them only plant as needed.





I do also use some island group planting , here I used a short dp rough and used Westchester dp rough in a small patch to plant

in.



And that's about it for the way I plant, hope this is helpful and that you can use all or part of my technique, and maybe find a way to improve on it.....Rob (rlslay)