Tiger Woods plans visit to his Cliffs layout today

Work accelerates on golf course east of Asheville

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Tiger Woods, who is designing Jim Anthony's golf course at the new Cliffs Communities development east of Asheville, will visit the site today as work accelerates on the pro golfer's first U.S. layout.

Anthony and the head of the golfer's design team said Woods will stop at The Cliffs at High Carolina on his way to compete in this weekend's Quail Hollow Championship in Charlotte. Construction on the 7,300-yard course should be complete in 2012, Anthony and Bryon Bell, president of Tiger Woods Design, said Monday.

Bell said the design team is making final adjustments and is "in transition from phase two to phase three," which includes construction oversight.

"In our minds, the design process doesn't stop until the grass goes down," he said.

Anthony's real estate work was slowed by the recession, and Woods has returned to public view after a scandal.

Anthony recently said he had reached a critical goal for his Travelers Rest-based company, raising more than $60 million in a loan form property owners to help complete amenities associated with his developments.

"All the resources are there, all the funding is there to complete the course," said Anthony, who is paying Woods an undisclosed fee. "We'll be going full-speed ahead, including heavy grading within 45 to 60 days."

The arrangement with property owners drew praise from Woods.

"The commitment made by the members at the Cliffs, and their belief in High Carolina and Jim's leadership, is wonderful to see," Woods said in a statement. "Since we announced the project in 2007, everyone at The Cliffs has been tremendously supportive of my first U.S. golf design. I am looking forward to the day that The Cliffs members and I can play my course."