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Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club Recognized for Environmental Stewardship

PORT CHARLOTTE, FL – Audubon International has awarded Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, for the second year in a row, a Neighborhood for Nature Award in recognition of its outstanding efforts to foster environmental awareness and stewardship through the Audubon International Green Neighborhoods Program. Michael Comba, the Green Neighborhoods Coordinator, is also recognized for his effort to plan for and promote environmental stewardship within the community.

The Audubon International Green Neighborhoods Program is designed to help a wide array of “residential neighborhoods” take stock of the natural environment around them, foster a sense of community through environmental projects and actions, and inspire better environmental practices on a community-wide basis. Members are required to build a Neighborhood Audubon Committee, conduct an environmental audit of their neighborhood community, and work with Audubon International staff to identify environmental education and improvement projects in the following areas: water quality & conservation, resource management, wildlife habitat protection and enhancement, community awareness, and outreach and education.

"Ultimately, we look to improve the environmental practices of neighborhood communities, educate residents, and reward actions, while at the same time make it fun for all who participate," explained Christine Kane, CEO at Audubon International. "We commend Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club's continued commitment to the environment and to managing the neighborhood with wildlife in mind."

By joining and participating in the Green Neighborhoods Program, Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club is involved in projects that enhance habitat for wildlife and preserve natural resources for the benefit of the local community. These projects include: enhancing the property for pollinators, educating residents about local flora, recycling waste, protecting water quality, and driving green purchasing decisions.

"Audubon International programs benefit both people and wildlife," said Kane. "It's a great way for the managers of developed properties and environmental organizations to work together to become better stewards of land and natural resources."

About Audubon International

Audubon International is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) environmental education organization dedicated to providing people with the education and assistance they need to practice responsible management of land, water, wildlife, and other natural resources. To meet this mission, the organization provides training, services, and a set of award-winning environmental education and certification programs for individuals, organizations, properties, new developments, and entire communities. Through the Sustainable Communities and Green Neighborhoods Programs, Audubon International works to help community leaders and stakeholders embrace environmental stewardship and sustainability as a central element of planning, policies, and practices.

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