

## Natural Resources Committee Mandate for 2023/24

### Objectives:

The objectives of the NRC are to promote stewardship and encourage projects that protect, maintain, and manage Maple Golf and Country Club's natural resources.

### Goals:

To provide information, advice and education and act as a resource on issues of water quality, water conservation, habitat restoration, Florida friendly landscaping, best management practices, invasive species, plant disorders, grass diseases, beautification practices and related park policies. The Committee will help promote club programs that are engaged in natural resource objectives, initiatives that increase resident participation and will assist where possible to advertise fund raising activities.

### 2023-24 Projects:

- Prepare and publish a 5-year tree replacement plan after hurricane Ian. Implement year 1 of tree replacement (\$18,000).
- Continue annual bird count. Input resident bird data submissions to E-Bird and update tables on Maple Leaf webpage.
- Carry out Audubon International projects on bird habitat and pollinators. Put up bird boxes (\$2800) and beehives (\$400), introduce Mason bees (\$200), bee suit (\$350) and honey separator (\$300).
- Continue green initiatives, install oil booms, monitor nutrient inputs (\$300).
- Continue to update and make relevant NRC webpage.
- Increase ground level habitat plantings (\$500).
- Collect flooding data, estimate water storage capacity, long term climate change outlook and insurance risks.
- Explain the need for feral cats.

### Committee

Mike Comba (Co-chair), Chris Spence (Co-chair), Pat McEvoy (Board Chairperson), Jolene Scofield (The Leaf), Phyllis Dalglish (Lawn Bowling), Claude Deschenes (Garden Club), open-(Fire Club), Joe Osebold (master gardener), Ken Lund (certified arborist) and Stuart Stooguard (apiarist).