



Walking the Talk of Sustainability

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The first time I visited Williamston, North Carolina, more than four years ago, I knew immediately that there was something special about the environment there. Cypress-Tupelo swamps, the Roanoke River, and a rich agricultural heritage were all present. But what wasn't there was the word "sustainability."

It wasn't necessarily that sustainability itself was missing. Many pieces

of the sustainability puzzle were in place, even if residents didn't know it or call it by that name. At the same time, though, there were opportunities to take sustainability further in the community. Some efforts to do just that were subtle, like the town making the decision to locate a new parks and recreation facility based upon its accessibility—walking, biking, and riding public transportation—to neighborhoods.

But what Williamston needed was a not-so-subtle effort, an "in your face" example of sustainability in practice. Town leaders wanted and needed a tangible example of sustainability demonstrated before their very eyes, a way to show residents: "See, this is what sustainability looks like." In the Sustainable Communities Program, we call this "walking the walk," in addition to "talking the talk" of sustainability.

Williamston High School and the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary became the focal point for such an example. The nationally-significant estuary comprises 30,000 square miles of northeastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia. It is sub-divided into five drainage basins, the central of which is the Roanoke River Basin. And at a bend in the river, a short ways upstream from Albemarle Sound, sits the Town of Williamston.

Consequently, Williamston's environmental impacts affect the Roanoke River, in turn affecting the estuary. With protecting water quality of the estuary a primary goal of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the orientation of the sustainability demonstration project was set. All that remained was a location.

At Williamston High School,

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A cistern like this one installed at Williamston High School, North Carolina, is an effective example of how development projects can lower their environmental impact. Rainwater is collected in the cistern and subsequently used for irrigation and other non-potable uses.



Dear Members and Supporters,

While the dog days of summer are hitting New York's Capital Region, it's good to know there are so many cool things going on with Audubon International and you, the members, across the country and around the world. In Singapore, for instance, nearly 200 golfers have pledged their commitment to the environment through the Audubon *Green Golfer Challenge* at the National Service Resort and Country Club—with thousands more expected through the nearly 50 golf courses already committed to the *Green Golfer Challenge*. In Lake Placid, New York, the Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort is doing its part to protect the Adirondack Region as a member of the Audubon Green Leaf Program for Hotels. With towns and communities in the region struggling to balance preservation and development, this program is a natural fit.

These two examples of environmental stewardship in action, along with others highlighted in this issue of *Stewardship News*—from Williamston, North Carolina, to Truckee, California, and in between—serve as models, benchmarks, and leaders for others to emulate. Change is hard, but if these members are making change happen, so can you; and if you are changing the way you treat the environment through our programs, then others in your community can as well.

So, take action, see results, and then, do not be afraid to tell others what you have done. Help spread the seeds of a new environmental movement.

Best,



Kevin A. Fletcher, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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Staff Changes at Audubon International

The staff at Audubon International would like to thank Shawn Williams for more than three years of service with Audubon International. As an Ecologist-Educator for the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Programs, Shawn was responsible for helping hundreds of people protect and enhance the natural environment in and around their properties. We'll miss him, but know he'll continue supporting our environmental mission in his new role with Audubon Environmental, Inc., the for-profit technical service-provider for the Audubon Signature Programs. Thanks again, Shawn!

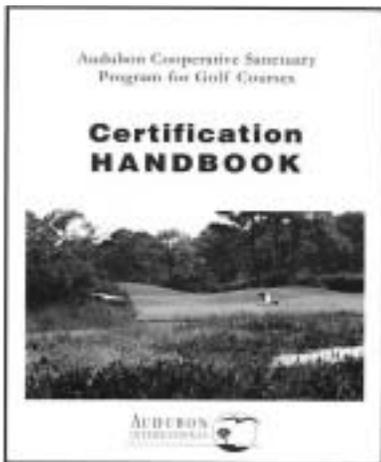
At the same time, we would like to welcome Josh Conway, our new Manager of Education and Communications, to the Audubon International staff. Josh has a Masters degree from the State University at New York's College of Environmental Science and Forestry and an undergraduate in zoology. He will be responsible for overseeing and managing Audubon International's print and web-based environmental communications, as well as providing assistance in maintaining the educational quality of all our certification programs. Feel free to welcome Josh by contacting him at (518) 767-9051 extension 13, or by email at jconway@auduboninternational.org. ●



Fine-Tuning the Focus of Audubon International

As we strive to meet our mission, we understand that it is necessary to constantly evaluate and refine our efforts. To that end, Audubon International has developed a new strategic plan that will allow us to grow and change as opportunities arise. We will concentrate our efforts on four main initiatives, with distinct goals and clear performance indicators for each: (1) Community Engagement, Planning, and Action; (2) Eco-Design and Development; (3) Environmental Stewardship and Management; (4) Golf and the Environment. Our new plan will guide us as we continually facilitate best practices, drive change, and offer new solutions in the environmental movement. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (518) 767-9051. ●

New ACSP Certification Handbook for Golf Courses



After many months of development and review, we are happy to announce that our new Certification Handbook has been distributed to ACSP golf course members. The comprehensive handbook, which replaces the Resource Inventory and Environmental Plan, and Certification Workbook, provides an improved framework for guiding environmental management efforts and completing certification. Ed Brandt, Sector lead, Environmental Stewardship Branch, Office of Pesticide Programs, of the EPA has touted the new Certification Handbook as “a real

environmental management program [that] is very comprehensive with respect to water, energy, habitat, training, etc.”

If members have any questions about their certification status, or completing certification request forms, they may contact Joellen Zeh, Program Manager, at (518) 767-9051, extension 14, or email: jzeb@auduboninternational.org. ●

Audubon International's former Environmental Planning Department has begun operating under its own corporate name, Audubon Environmental. A for-profit company, Audubon Environmental serves as the exclusive provider of environmental services to members of Audubon International's Gold and Silver Signature Programs and Classic Program. For more than a dozen years, Audubon Environmental has offered program members services such as site evaluation, land planning and management, and technical guidance. Audubon Environmental now plans to broaden the scope of its environmental services offerings beyond Audubon International's programs. Toward that end, it is taking the opportunity to establish its independent identity more strongly. Except for the name change, program members will see no difference in the programs or the way Audubon Environmental's environmental services are delivered. Audubon International fully supports Audubon Environmental in this move and looks forward to their continuing successful partnership.

The Rush for Gold Comes to Ohio— THE STATE'S FIRST CERTIFIED GOLD SIGNATURE SANCTUARY

BY NANCY RICHARDSON

About three years ago, Audubon International was invited to work with the Cleveland Metroparks on a new project that they were undertaking. Vern Hartenburg, Executive Director of Cleveland MetroParks, saw the opportunity to combine the expertise of the Metropark's staff, along with the technical expertises' of Audubon International, to produce another recreational facility that would also be a sustainable development through the Audubon International Gold Signature Program.

Today, after 90 years of "Conservation, Education and Recreation," Cleveland Metroparks consists of over 20,000 acres of protected land within the Lake Erie watershed divided into 15 reservations, 100 miles of parkways, and the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. The Park District is commonly referred to as the "Emerald Necklace" because the reservations encircle the city of Cleveland like a green necklace. But not all land that is acquired by Cleveland Metroparks is in ecologically prime condition. Such was the case with Washington Reservation.

Washington Reservation is 58-urban



A stark contrast of the newly restored acreage and created wetlands is the forefront to the International Steel Group industrial site.



Signage provides students and the general public with education about golf. Signs the one above, placed strategically around the nine holes provide information about the wildlife species that may be seen.

acres located in the Village of Newburgh Heights and the City of Cleveland. Formerly a landfill used by the local steel mills to dispose of sand, slag and other by-products—the land was transferred to Cleveland Metroparks in 2003 via a 99-year no-costs lease from the Cleveland Municipal School District and the City of Cleveland. The land was certainly degraded but not dead.

In Ohio, with over 90 percent of historic wetlands destroyed, creating habitat for waterfowl is very important. Despite centered in a densely developed residential/industrial area, Washington Reservation serves as an 'island of green' or a resting and refueling spot for birds crossing Lake Erie. Northeast Ohio receives birds from both the Mississippi and Atlantic Flyways and Lake Erie, only five miles to the north. Even in its degraded state, sightings of wildlife such as deer and turkey indicate the value of the land as a corridor to the Cuyahoga River Valley, one-half mile to the west.

The challenge for Cleveland

Metroparks and International Management Group was to design, build, and maintain a golf teaching facility (Washington Golf Teaching Center), while at the same time seeking to restore quality wildlife habitat and sustain the existing ecological attributes of the area. "One of the most important features of the site", says John Cardwell, Landscape Architect for Cleveland Metroparks, "is [at] its 'environmental heart'—the 4.5 acre wetland complex consisting of three wetland cells which created 1.4 acres of open water, 2.5 acres of wet meadow, 0.4 acres of cattail marsh, and 0.2 acres of wet forest." Several golf holes are located around the perimeter and most of the course's storm water runoff is routed through the wetlands. The entire golf course drainage system flows into the wetland complex through a series of storm piping, vegetated swales, and overland flows.

Another distinct aspect of the project was the *First Tee* Program. Unlike other *First Tee* courses that

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provide a single golf hole “off to the side” for instruction, Cleveland Metroparks dedicated the entire nine-hole course to the *First Tee* program. *First Tee* exposes students to a curriculum in “life skills” and nutrition education, leading the program beyond simply providing quality golf instruction. Using golf as a tool, a formal curriculum on life skills is taught by mentors to help children ages eight through eighteen years to develop the character and life-enhancing values that improve their chances for productive participation in society.

In addition, the Cleveland Municipal School District Washington Park Horticulture Center is located on six acres within the property. The vocational education program teaches over 250 students from Cleveland’s South High School who are enrolled in the horticultural workforce-development program. Students in this program are able to utilize the land as an outdoor classroom. Cleveland Metroparks anticipates the schools core curriculum will be expanded to include courses such as golf course design, landscape design, arboriculture, and arboretum design.

Washington Golf Learning Center is a prime example of a successful ecologically focused, collaborative partnership between for-profit and not-for-profits groups—Cleveland Metroparks, 1st Tee of Cleveland, International Management Group, The Cleveland Municipal School District, the City of Cleveland, and Audubon International. On May 8, 2007, Washington Golf Learning Center was certified as the first Gold Signature Sanctuary in Ohio and the first nine-hole Gold Signature Sanctuary in the world. ●



Supported by a \$20,000 grant from the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program, workers installed a suite of rain gardens to improve drainage and filter surface water runoff before it enters environmentally sensitive areas.

administrators had been battling maintenance problems for years, including flooding in the parking lot and storm water runoff into nearby wetlands and creeks. The teachers, for their part, wanted an outdoor teaching classroom for their science classes.

Town officials conceived a “win-win” solution that protected estuary water quality, addressed teachers’ and administrators’ desires, and served as a sustainability demonstration project. They called it the Low Impact Development Demonstration Project. Supported by \$20,000 in grant funding from the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program, Williamston set out implementing a series of several projects on school grounds: a cistern that collects rainwater from the school roof to be subsequently used for irrigation,

permeable pavement in the parking lot allowed surface water to infiltrate the soil and recharge groundwater aquifers, and a suite of vegetative buffers, grassed swales and rain gardens that filter surface water runoff before it enters environmentally sensitive areas.

In addition to the town and school, North Carolina State University, local Cooperative Extension, and Mid East Resource Conservation and Development pitched in to help out. The projects were completed earlier this year, but their completion was more a beginning than an end. The Low Impact Development Demonstration Project is a reality. Now, it’s local residents’ turn to get inspired and think about how they can make a change—big or small—to contribute to the sustainability of the greater Williamston community. ●

The Albemarle-Pamlico Sound region—30,000 square miles of watershed—is the second largest estuarine system in the United States, second only to the Chesapeake Bay. It is composed of seven sounds—the Albemarle, Currituck, Croatan, Pamlico, Bogue, Core, and Roanoke—and five major river basins, as well as beaches, marshes, and bottomland forests. For more information visit: www.apnep.org

A Long Way Home

BY JOSHUA CONWAY, MANAGER OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS



Above: Residents of *The Sanctuary* gather with Dr. Larry Woolbright, Audubon International's Director of Wildlife Conservation Services, to plant Schweinitz's sunflower seedlings in multiple community gardens.

Left: Schweinitz's sunflower (*Helianthus schweinitzii*) in full bloom.

About three years ago, Crescent Resources LLC, a North Carolina development company, partnered with Audubon International to create *The Sanctuary*. Promoting itself as one of the most exclusive luxury lake communities in the Southeast, *The Sanctuary* is also the first community in the world to obtain Audubon International's Three Diamond Signature Program designation for protection of native flora and fauna, water quality, green building

practices, and site design. *The Sanctuary* is truly a model community that embodies stewardship. Visit <http://www.auduboninternational.org/resources/stewardshipnews/> to read more about the *The Sanctuary* in the March–April 2005 issue of *Stewardship News*.

During an initial sight survey, an Audubon International team found a patch of Schweinitz's sunflower—a federally endangered plant endemic to the Piedmont Prairie ecosystem of the Carolinas—in a right-of-way slated to be cleared for power lines. Under the advice of Larry Woolbright, Ph.D., Wildlife Conservation Services Director for Audubon International, Crescent Resources was instructed to

preserve that patch and collect seeds to plant in other onsite gardens. Woolbright's recommendations were further supported in by the Catawba-Wateree Hydro Project Study, published by Duke Energy Corporation in 2001, stating that only hand tools would be used to prevent the use of mechanized equipment in the vicinity of the sunflowers. Later that year, the area, along with the patch of sunflowers, was mistakenly cleared by Duke Energy Corporation.

Fortunately, before the land was cleared, five seeds were collected from the previous year's plant matter. Under his careful eye, Woolbright managed to grow and transplant two seedlings into his garden in Upstate

New York the following May. "By September they were four feet tall and covered with beautiful little yellow sunflowers," states Woolbright. With a little more care the sunflowers made it through the next winter and grew to be over eight feet tall, producing over 1000 seeds.

Woolbright sent roughly half of the seeds to the American Horticultural Society to be distributed to member gardens in the Piedmont Prairie zone for conservation purposes. He then began to cultivate the remaining seeds into 120 seedlings that were

ready to plant this year.

In early May, Woolbright and his seedlings traveled from New York to Charlotte, North Carolina, to speak to homeowners at a monthly education and conservation meeting held at *The Sanctuary*. At the end of the lecture, the homeowners teamed up with Woolbright to plant the seedlings in the gardens surrounding the community center. The Schweinitz's sunflower's return to *The Sanctuary* is a testament to the benefits of place like *The Sanctuary* and a partnership with Audubon International. ●

New Homes at Silver Brooke Golf Course

Silver Brooke Golf Club is one of Ontario's newest 9 hole golf courses located north of Toronto in Lisle, Ontario. In September 2006, Silver Brook was granted certification by Audubon International in Environmental Planning.



Gail Burrows, General Manager of Silver Brook Golf Club, stands with students from Tosoronto Public School. Thanks to a generous donation from Alliston Home Building Center and the labor of the students, six new homes have been built for the feathered residents at Silver Brooke Golf Club in Lisle, ON. Placement of the homes will serve as a community project to bolster Silver Brooke's Environmental Planning Certification through Audubon International. On behalf of the birds of the area and Audubon International, thank you. Keep up the good work!

Changes in the Audubon Green Leaf Hotel Program

The Audubon Green Leaf Eco-Rating Program for Hotels has recently experienced some changes designed to improve program delivery. The former Vice President of TerraChoice Environmental Marketing, Kevin Gallagher, has left to start a new organization, Green Leaf Environmental Communications. Gallagher will now be responsible for the creation and delivery of several environmental ratings programs, including a focus on reinvigorating and expanding the Audubon Green Leaf Eco-Rating program across North America. "We're really looking forward to working with Audubon International in pursuing environmental improvements in the hospitality industry. We're starting to see an increased interest in the program from the states, with four recent applications from the New England States already," says Gallagher.

The Green Leaf Hotel Program is focused on rating the environmental performance of hotels, motels, inns, resort facilities, and other hospitality centers, while also providing the tools and education to help owners, managers, and staff at these facilities protect and sustain the environment.

A new pricing scheme is part of the changes to the program—with a goal of making it more accessible to all types of lodging and hospitality facilities. Specifically, facilities with 25 or more rooms can join the program for about \$800 to \$900 dollars annually, whereas facilities with less than 25 rooms can join for about \$500 to \$600 dollars annually. For more specific pricing schemes, or if you know a facility that would benefit by joining this program, contact:

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Go Green-Fields School!

BY JENNIFER BATZA, MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR



Members of the third grade class at Green-Fields School work hard to erect birdhouses for local birds.

At Green-Fields School in Woodbury, New Jersey, 600 students from kindergarten to fourth grade participated in a school-wide paper recycling project. This project was simple, fun, and inexpensive to implement. The goals of the project were to promote reusing and recycling by teachers, students, and administration and connect an “Earth Day is Everyday” attitude in and out of the classroom.

The first decision students faced was to determine which areas of the school would be part of the recycling project. One or two students were then assigned to each of these areas, and wrote a letter to the teachers letting them know that they would be their “recycling pickup person.” Once a week, the students picked up the paper to be recycled. In no time students learned how and what to recycle and how they could reuse paper, as well as how important it is to spread the word about recycling.

Meanwhile, Gaetan Pappalardo’s third grade class was busy working on two great projects of their own.

First, after doing some species-specific research on nesting behaviors, the class began a bird nesting box project. Students were able to learn the importance of local birds, their habitat requirements, and nest box preference. The project was integrated into the class curriculum and only cost about \$50 to \$70 for wood and materials for eight boxes and posts.

Second, the class worked on an “environmental sweep”, another cost-effective project. Once a week, the students would scout the school grounds for trash. They evaluated the different types of trash found, where it came from, and how to prevent it.

Projects like these are relatively inexpensive and require little effort, but they can have a big impact on the environment in and around schools. While helping the environment, students learned teamwork and problem solving, and realized that you don’t have to throw everything away. The teachers and students at Green-Fields serve as two shining examples of how we can all make a difference. ●

Audubon Program for Neighborhoods Given the Green-Light

Audubon International is proud to announce that the pilot phase of the Audubon Partners for the Environment Program for Neighborhoods is complete. The program focuses on private and gated communities, neighborhoods, and community and homeowners associations to help foster a cleaner, healthier natural environment. “For nearly twenty years, we have worked with land owners and managers helping to protect and sustain the natural environment,” says Kevin A. Fletcher, Ph.D., Executive Director for Audubon International. “With this program for neighborhood communities, we now invite the tens of thousands of community associations and their staff, along with the millions of people living in these communities to play a positive role as well.”

The program is designed to help people plan and organize projects, increase environmental awareness, build a ‘sense of community’ with residents, and offer a way for neighborhoods to earn recognition. “By selecting and completing a specific number and type of environmental projects that cover actions we would like to see taken in these neighborhoods, an entire residential community can earn Audubon International’s *Neighborhood for Nature Award*,” says Joellen Zeh, Program Manager at Audubon International. “Becoming a *Neighborhood for Nature* lets residents, staff, potential homebuyers, and the surrounding community know that the neighborhood is special—a home for nature.” Oldfield Community in Okatie, South Carolina, was featured in the July–August 2006 issue of *Stewardship News* after earning the Neighborhood for Nature Award. Visit <http://www.auduboninternational.org> to read more about the Oldfield Community, or to learn more about the program. ●

Take the Pledge for Greener Golf

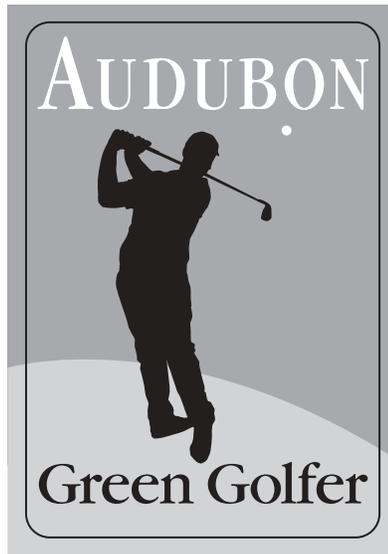
BY JOELLEN ZEH, PROGRAM MANAGER

Golf industry and environmental experts have long recognized the power of America's 25 million golfers in supporting or rejecting environmental best practices on the country's 15,000 golf courses. Golfers can be a demanding breed—and their demands for fast greens and perfectly manicured conditions have often trumped sound agronomic practices and nature conservation.

But it doesn't have to be that way. Golfers can also be a force for preserving the *nature of the game*. Throughout 2007, Audubon International is inviting golfers to take the *Audubon Green Golfer Pledge*. The pledge is a simple way for golfers to support environmental stewardship while playing golf. From replacing divots to picking up trash, the simple actions golfers can take are good for the game, good for the golf course, and good for the environment.

Golfers can take the free pledge online, or via a pledge sheet distributed to golf courses that wish to participate in the promoting the pledge. Green Golfers—and participating courses—are eligible for golf-related prizes to be given at the end of 2007.

For more information and golfer education resources, or to get involved in promoting the pledge, please visit www.golfandenvironment.org and click on *Audubon Green Golfer*. ●



76 percent of golfers surveyed in 2007 by *Golf Digest* say that a golf course that integrates natural habitat increases golfer enjoyment of the game. (*Golf & The Environment 2007*, *Golf Digest Publications*). The *Audubon Green Golfer Pledge* builds awareness and support among golfers.

Gear up for the Challenge:

Sign up the most Green Golfers at your club!

- Post the sign-up sheet in the clubhouse.
- Supply bag tags for golfers who sign the pledge.
- Supply golf balls with the logo on them for golfers who sign the pledge.
- Have a raffle for golfers who take the pledge making them eligible to win a free round of golf, an item from the pro shop, a gift certificate, hotel stay, or a dinner.
- Offer a \$5 or \$10 discount on a round of golf if they sign the pledge.
- Host a charity tournament. Golfers who play and take the pledge are eligible to determine the charity to which the proceeds will go if they win.
- Host an "Audubon International tournament" to promote *Green Golfer Pledge*.



Sarah Wieneke and Pat Palmer from the Woman's Metropolitan Golf Association introduce players to the Green Golfer Challenge and encourage them to sign up at a tournament hosted at Rockland Country Club.

To find out more about the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program, or Audubon Signature Programs, sponsored by the USGA, visit www.auduboninternational.org

Truckee, California

BY RONALD DODSON,
PRESIDENT

From Albany, through Cincinnati, Salt Lake City, Reno, and after a full day of travel, I arrived at Truckee, California. It was a long day of travel, but now I'm sitting in a beautiful log cabin just north of the Truckee in an Audubon International Certified Gold Signature Sanctuary called Old Greenwood. The purpose of this trip is to conduct the annual recertification of Old Greenwood—a golf course and community development that is an amazing example of environmental responsibility and innovation. I will also visit a “sister” project called Gray's Crossing that is still in the construction phase. Both projects are being developed by East West Partners.

Truckee is an interesting blend of a “new age” tourist area and “old west” gold mining town. To give you a little historical context, Joseph Henry Gray founded the town of Truckee. In 1849 Gray headed west from his farm in Galena, Illinois—not to pursue gold as so many others were doing, but to pursue the many business opportunities that he envisioned. In 1858, he built a log cabin on land that would ultimately become part of downtown Truckee. His cabin, which became known as Gray's Station, sat at the convergence of several critical transportation routes in Sierra Nevada and served as a frontier hostelry for travelers and teamsters. The main wagon trail west through Sierra Nevada later became known as Prosser Dam Road, which is now the main road to Gray's Crossing.

If you have never been to the Sierra Nevada region of California, the views are spectacular no matter what direction one looks in. Even the smell of the pines in the air make you feel



Ponds skirted by native plants at Old Greenwood are just one example of the many environmental features of the Certified Gold Signature Sanctuary.

like you have arrived in a very special place. The Old Greenwood Property is 871 acres amongst stately Jeffrey Pines and large open meadows populated by sage brush and wild flowers. Directly across a road, which includes the largest under-highway wildlife crossing I've ever seen, is Gray's Crossing, comprised of 757 acres. Old Greenwood is home to an 18-hole Jack Nicklaus golf course and Gray's Crossing which includes an 18-hole Peter Jacobsen golf course. Each has numerous homes of various styles and prices, all tucked gently into the environment. From the very inception of Old Greenwood, East West Partners intended to create a truly magnificent golf community that could be incorporated into the surrounding Sierra environment with minimal impact. And indeed, they have been successful. It looks and feels like living inside a National Park!

Between the two projects, there are over 600 acres of preserved natural area. A natural trail system was constructed to connect all parts of the property, and ultimately, the Old Greenwood trail will link up with an existing trail leading to downtown Truckee. The trail system encourages residents, members, and guests to walk and enjoy nature while significantly reducing the negative impacts of vehicle traffic. Buffers and corridors consisting of undisturbed natural

areas are located throughout the development to allow native animals the freedom to move from one side of the property to the other. The golf course acts as a large open corridor. The tracks found in the bunkers and on the greens suggest extensive use by roaming animals.

Before construction of the golf course, the property was devoid of any sort of water source. However, a stream feature and six ponds ranging in size from 1/2 acre to three acres were constructed providing a new water source to the ecosystem surrounding the golf course. The water serves two purposes—it supplies clean drinking water to mammals and birds, and it establishes a new environment that supports life for many invertebrate species and plants. All of the ponds are planted with native grasses and sedges and have littoral shelves that skirt the edge of at least 1/3 of the pond, that act as habitat for reptiles and invertebrates that in turn are food sources for mammals and birds and all of the ponds are stocked with Rainbow Trout. Since the construction of the pond, scores of birds have flocked to the ponds to build nests, and animal tracks are often observed in the mud surrounding the ponds.

One of the most interesting features of Old Greenwood is the members' only clubhouse, which is constructed

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United States

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Lifemark Group-Sunset Lawn Memorial
Park, Sacramento, CA
National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona,
Phoenix, AZ

Golf Program

International

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Glendower Golf Club, Gauteng, South Africa
Leopard Creek Country Club, Malelane,
South Africa
Ocean Club Golf Course, Paradise Island,
Bahamas
Pointe West Golf Club Corp., Amherstburg,
ON, Canada
Salmon Arm Golf Club, Salmon Arm, BC,
Canada
The Abaco Club on Winding Bay, Marsh
Harbor, Abaco, Bahamas
The Kinloch Club, Lake Taupo, New Zealand
The Ritz-Carlton at Rose Hall, White Witch,
St James, Jamaica
The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman, Grand
Cayman, Cayman Islands

Arizona

Corte Bella Golf Club, Sun City West
Estrella Mountain Ranch Golf Club, Goodyear
La Paloma, Tucson
Ocotillo Golf Club, Chandler
The Phoenician, Scottsdale

California

Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad
The Classic Club, Palm Desert

Delaware

Peninsula Golf and Country Club, Millsboro

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Colonial Country Club, Fort Myers
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Idaho

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Michigan

Eagle Crest Golf Club, Ypsilanti
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Minnesota

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Missouri

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North Carolina

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South Carolina

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Texas

Boot Ranch, Fredericksburg
Mill Creek Golf Club, Salado

Utah

Entrada at Snow Canyon Country Club,
Saint George

Wisconsin

Bishops Bay Country Club, Middleton
Trout Lake Golf and Country Club, Arbor Vitae
University Ridge Golf Course, Verona

RECENTLY CERTIFIED AUDUBON COOPERATIVE SANCTUARIES

Craik & District Golf Course, Craik, SK,
Canada
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Park, KS
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Fort Bragg, NC
Uwharrie Vineyards, Albemarle, NC

RECERTIFIED AUDUBON COOPERATIVE SANCTUARIES

Certified for 10 Years or more
Links at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach, CA
Certified for Five Years or more
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Bethpage State Park: Black Course,
Farmingdale, NY
Bethpage State Park: Green Course,
Farmingdale, NY

Bethpage State Park: Red Course,
Farmingdale, NY

Chenal Country Club, Little Rock, AR
Classic Golf Club, Spanaway, WA
Country Club of Charleston, Charleston, SC
Del Monte Golf Course, Pebble Beach, CA
Glendale Country Club, Bellevue, WA
Golf und Country Club Seddiner See,
Wildenbruch, Germany
Innsbrook Resort Golf Course, Innsbrook, MO
Loch Lomond Golf Club, Dunbartonshire,
Scotland

Newton Country Club, Newton, NJ
North Shore Country Club, Glenview, IL
Pasatiempo Golf Club, Santa Cruz, CA
Powder Horn Golf Club, Sheridan, WY
Skokie Country Club, Glencoe, IL
Spyglass Hill Golf Course, Pebble Beach, CA
Superior National at Lutsen, Lutsen, MN
The Country Club of the Toronto Board of
Trade, Woodbridge, ON, Canada
Tiara Rado Golf Course, Grand Junction, CO
Town & Country Club, St. Paul, MN
TPC Eagle Trace, Coral Springs, FL
TPC Snoqualmie Ridge, Snoqualmie, WA
Val des Lacs, St. Sophie, QC, Canada
Windstar on Naples Bay, Naples, FL

Certified for Two Years or More

Adams Pointe Golf Club, Blue Springs, MO
Eagle Ranch Golf Course, Eagle, CO
Hamilton Golf and Country Club, Ancaster,
ON, Canada
Lake of the Woods Golf Course,
Mahomet, IL
Meadow Hills Golf Course, Aurora, CO
OGA Golf Course, Woodburn, OR
Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach, CA
Prestwick Country Club, Frankfort, IL
TPC Deere Run, East Moline, IL
University of Maryland Golf Course, College
Park, MD

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City, TN
Bay Club at Mattapoisett, Mattapoisett, MA
The Preserve Golf Club, Vanleave, MS
Crane's Pond, Augusta, MI

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Old Greenwood, Truckee, CA,
certified since 2005
WCI - Venetian Golf & Country Club,
Venice, FL, *certified since 2004*

Truckee, California

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from lumber salvaged from the bottom of the Great Salt Lake. This wood is unique in that it never has to be treated due to its conditioning in the brackish water of the Great Salt Lake. The lumber was originally part of a railroad trestle that had collapsed into the lake. Beams and timbers were used in the interior of the building, while planks from the bridge were used as the exterior siding.

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