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Harnessing Communities as a Source for Solutions

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In February, the community of Kivalina, Alaska, filed a lawsuit against more than a dozen major oil companies and utilities for damages to its community due to the effects of global warming. Citing official documents from the Army Corps of Engineers and the General Accounting Office, the suit claims that the damage to our climate from the burning of fossil fuels from these companies has led to increases in greenhouse gases causing global warming. As a result, the community, built on an eight-mile barrier reef, is eroding due to a lack of ice in the adjoining Arctic Sea, which has historically protected the reef from ocean waves and erosion. It would seem that decades of economic progress based on the lifeblood of fossil fuels is inadvertently causing negative impacts and limiting progress in this community.

Meanwhile, the San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography recently reported that there is a 50 percent chance that two main reservoirs in the Western United States—Lake Mead and Lake Powell—will be dry by 2021, impacting 27 million people in a seven-state area including commu-

nities such as the quickly-growing City of Las Vegas. It's a good bet that our historic and prevalent water policies and practices in the American West are simply unsustainable.

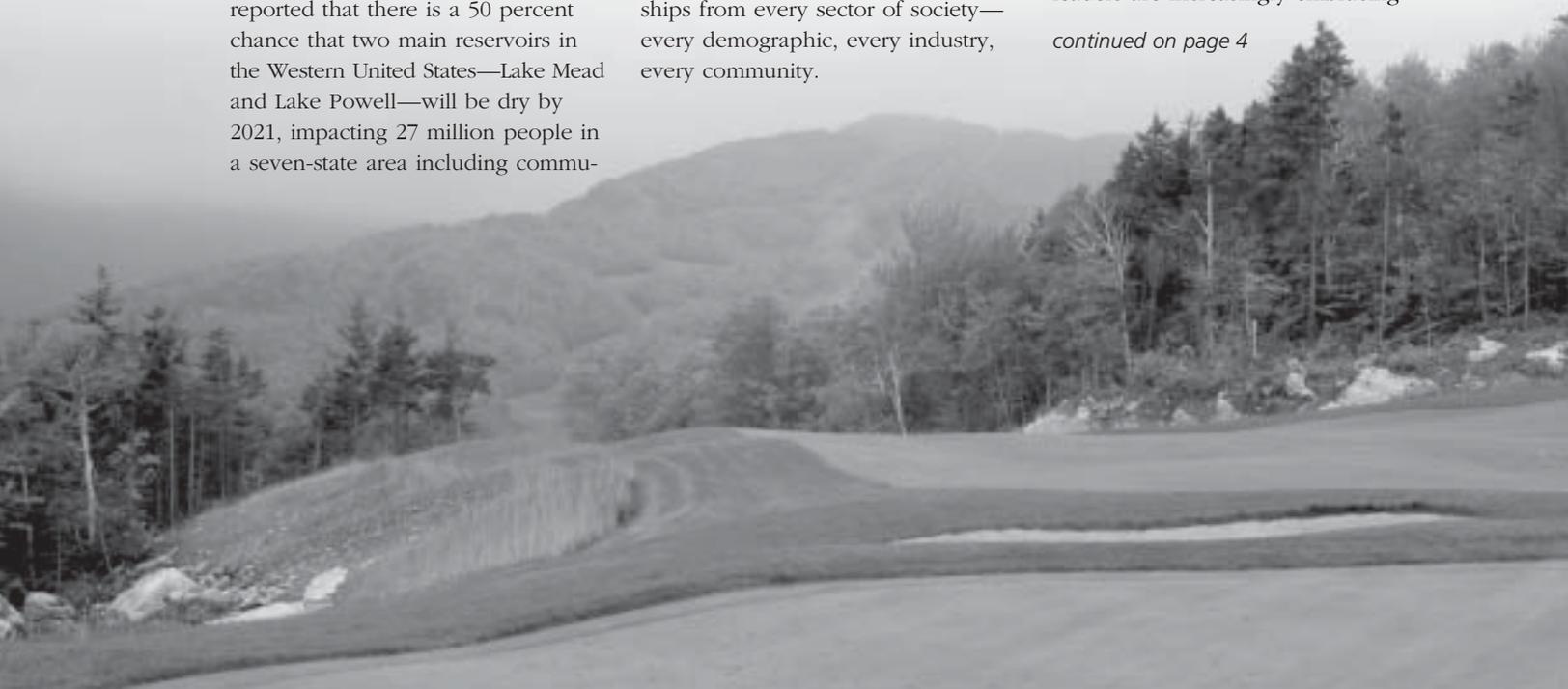
What do 390 Inupiat Eskimos in Alaska and 2 million residents of the Greater Las Vegas area have in common with the people living in Asia and South America? They, like the rest of us, are the cause of environmental challenges such as biodiversity loss, extreme climate conditions, widespread water scarcity, and critically impaired ecosystems. They, like the rest of us, are also victims of the impacts of these environmental problems. Most importantly, however, they, like all of us, will need to serve as the source for solutions to these problems. The evidence is clear. While great strides have been made over the past decades to better manage our natural environment, the path we are on is still unsustainable. We need solutions. We need leaderships from every sector of society—every demographic, every industry, every community.

An Initiative for Communities

To help find these solutions at the community-level, Audubon International launched a new initiative this past year, centered on fostering environmental stewardship and sustainability within towns, cities, large-scale community developments, and neighborhood community associations. Based on the “cooperative community” concept that Audubon International launched more than twenty years ago, the *Community Engagement, Planning, and Action Initiative* (“Community Initiative”) is a way for us to reach out to new stakeholders and discover new and innovative ways to bring sustainability from concept to practice in communities across the United States and worldwide.

As mounting economic, social, and environmental challenges face communities everywhere, community leaders are increasingly embracing

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Dear Members and Supporters,

Through our programs and initiatives we have the opportunity to help reform the ideology of industry professionals in ways that will have worldwide implications. The Community Engagement, Planning, and Action Initiative highlighted in this issue, allows us to work in a variety of arenas, from individual homes to municipalities.

Our comprehensive approach has led us to work with several municipalities and neighborhoods throughout the United States to foster environmental stewardship as a central element of planning, policies, and practices. The Sustainable Communities program focuses on small to medium-sized municipalities and large resort communities, while the Green Neighborhoods program targets the 200,000-plus community and neighborhood associations across the nation.

I hope you take the time to read the examples highlighted in this issue and then also take some time to reflect upon those examples to see that your community can do the same things. Together with Audubon International you can create a better place to live for all.

Best,

Joshua Conway
Education and Communications Manager

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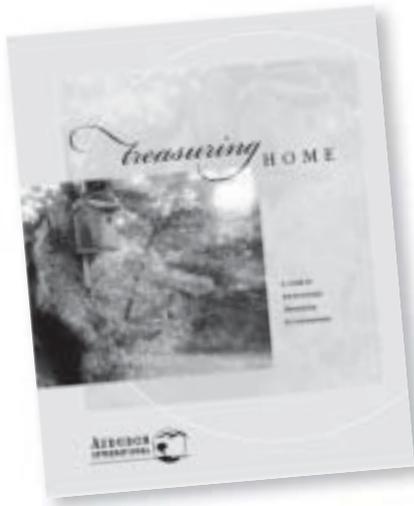
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Take the Treasuring Home Pledge!

Valuing and caring for the natural resources and unique landscapes in the places we call home is critical to creating a healthier and more sustainable environment for the future...and it all starts in our own backyard. Audubon International's guide to environmental stewardship for homeowners, *Treasuring Home*, includes simple indoor and outdoor actions, as well as steps for extending environmental stewardship efforts from households to neighborhoods and communities. Make a commitment to get involved where you live by taking the *Treasuring Home Pledge* included in the guide. If you would like to obtain a copy of the guide, or purchase multiple copies for distribution, contact Audubon International at (518) 767-9051, extension 13, or email jconway@auduboninternational.org. The guide is complimentary to donors to Audubon International's Earth Fund. Homeowners are also welcome to view the guide and take the pledge online at www.auduboninternational.org/homepledge.

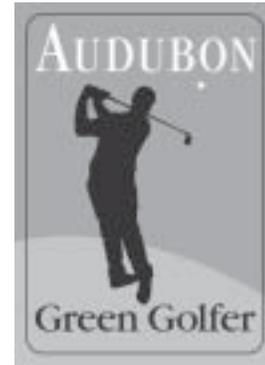
Golf Courses Are Invited to Join the 2008 Audubon Green Golfer Challenge

Throughout 2008 Audubon International is inviting golf courses in the United States, Canada, and worldwide to take part in the *Audubon Green Golfer Challenge*. The challenge is simple—get as many golfers as possible to pledge to take steps to support environmental stewardship while playing the game. From replacing divots to supporting the golf course's efforts to provide wildlife habitat and protect water resources, there are simple actions golfers can take that are good for the game, good for the golf course, and good for the environment.

Throughout the year, the pledges from participating golf courses will be collected and counted by Audubon International. Ongoing totals will be posted online. Prizes will be awarded to golf courses with the most golfers signed up by December 1, 2008, with winners in various categories announced at the end of 2008. Golfers who take the pledge will also become eligible for a random drawing of prizes at the end of the year.

If you joined the Green Golfer Challenge last year, you can join again this year. Golfers who took the pledge in 2007 may take the pledge again this year, become eligible for this year's prizes, and help your course win the Green Golfer Challenge.

Getting golfers to take the *Green Golfer Pledge* is a simple way for golf course superintendents, club managers, golf professionals, and staff to help carry on golf's tradition of preserving the *nature* of the game. Learn more and join the *Audubon Green Golfer Challenge*. Visit our website at www.golfandenvironment.org and join with us today.



New Development Manager Hired

Audubon International is pleased to welcome Jessica DesLaurier as our new Development Manager. In this role, Jessica will focus on membership program growth and development, annual fundraising program management, and longer-term endowment-building. "Bringing on someone to focus on development for Audubon International is exciting," states Ronald G. Dodson, Audubon International's President. "For the first time we will be able to explore new funding opportunities and ways to grow program membership to better support the vision, mission, and long-term strategic plan for the organization." Jessica holds a Bachelor's of Science degree from the University of Vermont in Environmental Studies and spent the past four years on membership development, event coordination, partner development, and outreach for the New York State Hudson River Valley Greenway and Natural Heritage Area.



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the concept of *sustainability* as an integrated way to achieve healthy and vibrant communities, now and for future generations. Through the *Community Initiative*, we are helping community leaders and stakeholders embrace environmental stewardship and sustainability as a central element of planning, policies, and practices.

Uncovering the Need

As we began focusing our efforts on engaging people in environmental actions at a community-level, a few pieces of information really jumped out:

- Over 80 percent of all of the municipalities in the United States have a population of 10,000 people or fewer. A high percentage of these communities lack a comprehensive plan or any policies directed to address environmental or sustainability issues.
- Most Americans live in one of the nine growing “mega-regions” of the county (see map). These areas will continue to grow—incurring all the impacts of more people, more building, and more natural resource use.
- Over 700 mayors in cities that reside in these mega-regions have committed to address global warming through the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Change Pledge. Internationally, hundreds of communities are already engaged in sustainability programs. Yet, tens of thousands more have not and even those committed to taking action, lack the tools, advice, and framework.
- More than 60 million Americans live within one of the 300,000-plus neighborhood and community associations-free-standing, quasi-governmental organizations for people. Yet, no one is working with these association groups to leverage community action on the environment.

There is a lot going on in the area of sustainable communities, but it’s still the exception, not the norm. As one leader in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s sustainable community’s program office stated to me on a conference call recently: “There is still plenty of work to be done.”

First Step—Be Engaging

In the mid-1990s, Audubon International staff started working with the City of Eufaula, Alabama—the first member of what is now known as the Sustainable Communities Program. One of the first lessons revealed in working with the people of Eufaula was the power of “beer and BBQ” (see sidebar: Sustainable Communities Lessons Learned). Although a crisis-like urgency to finding solutions is needed, community engagement on environmental stewardship and sustainability depends on a positive, action-oriented approach. Thus, in our educational programs for towns, large-scale private communities and neighborhoods, the initial effort is on positive engagement, awareness, and education.

The same is true for any community-level effort to address environmental concerns. Research shows that 10–15% of the population define themselves as *environmentalists*—willing to pay more for an eco-product, consciously making decisions to reduce their environmental footprint, etc. The rest of us need a little prodding, sometimes in the form of “beer and BBQ.”

Planning a New Path

Planning for sustainability, in the form of revised community vision statements, comprehensive or community master plans, or even simple neighborhood-level environmental planning, is the critical first step to charting a new course.

Sustainable Communities Lessons Learned

1. Be a catalyst—*You do not have to do all the work. Your job is to get people excited.*
2. Connect with people and places—*Take some time to listen to the needs of a place and hear the desires of the people that live there.*
3. Create networks—*Partner with as many different people as you can so that each person can focus on a manageable piece of the plan.*
4. Start simple—*The best plans grow with time and are able to adapt. Do not take on too much to start with.*
5. Measure your success—*Create a plan with clear objectives and goals. Then assess how well you met your goals and publicize your efforts.*

In each of the cases where we’re working with towns, counties, or other community groups, the game plan becomes the launching pad for prioritizing and problem-solving. When Eufaula began developing its *Eufaula 2020 Vision*, the process of planning itself—with hundreds of residents learning, advising, and participating—became as important as the outcome. Inclusive, consensus-based decision-making builds support from within and pulls people off the sidelines and onto the field. In neighborhoods, for instance, most of the effort to reduce water use, energy use, protect habitat, etc., simply must come from the homeowners, whose houses and property comprise the predominant ecological footprint of the community. A city government can lead environment initiatives on public grounds and in government buildings, but the actions of citizens, business leaders make a real difference.

It's All About Action

The gap between a good idea and making a plan can be significant. But there is often a greater chasm between planning and action—especially when working at a community level. As a result it is critical to develop realistic goals, manageable objectives, and measurable targets.

This past November, a few Audubon International staff took a snowy ride up to Spruce Peak at Stowe in Stowe, Vermont. Spruce Peak has a golf course in the Audubon Signature Program and the entire resort community is working through the Sustainable Communities Program. One of the most pleasurable and hopeful part of the day was sitting down with Rob Apple, the resort's Planning Director, to go over the selection of their Sustainability Indicators. This set of indicators—ranging from affordable housing to water consumption—was embraced completely by Rob, the Spruce Peak staff, and the corporate partners (AIG Global Real Estate, Lowe Destination Development, and Destination Hotels & Resorts). They will drive action and change in a way that would not happen if these indicators were not measured and reported.

Leading through People, Practices, and Policies

Our vision and mission as an organization is simple: fostering more sustainable communities by providing people with the education and assistance they need to make change happen. At the heart of this organizational vision, and at the heart of the Community Engagement, Planning, and Action Initiative, are *people*. People are the cause of and solution most of our environmental challenges. We are the answer to making a more sustainable future. Our educational programs emphasize this through individual leadership



Audubon International Speaks to Over 200 Community Leaders

Audubon International's Executive Director, Kevin A. Fletcher, participated on two panel discussions on sustainable communities and eco-centric government operations during the recent "New Partners for Smart Growth" conference in Washington, D.C. Hosted by the Local Government Commission, the event attracts hundreds of mayors, town leaders, planners, community advocates, and others interested in Smart Growth options for community planned sustainability initiatives. If you are interested in having an Audubon International participate in your conference or event, or give a presentation on sustainable communities to your Town Board or leadership group, please email us at speakers@auduboninternational.org.

and on-the-ground action.

Sustainability is also about *practices*. It is the way people act towards the environment; the way we manage our natural resources; and it is the way we treat each other the Earth. For over twenty years our educational programs have been focused on providing people with the tools they need to practice environmental stewardship and sustainability. This is the grass-roots part of the *Community Initiative*—building on the history and philosophy of the early Audubon movement itself.

Finally, sustainability depends on appropriate *policies*. Audubon International is committed to growing in this area with a focus on sustainable planning policy, land use and development policy, and identifying policies at the local, state, and federal level that impede and create barriers for community-level sustainability. We are doing this primarily through partnerships with government organizations, universities, and

advocacy groups—building on the lessons we've learned thus far.

If communities across the country can be inspired to examine their policies towards the environment, educated in the practices of protecting and sustaining our natural resources, and fueled by engaged and motivated individuals, then real change can happen. Individual responsibility will lead to a collective voice, a collective action for a more sustainable world. Audubon International has pledged to help see that happen—but we need you.

So, visit us online at www.auduboninternational.org to learn more about our work in the towns, cities, and neighborhoods across the country, and worldwide. Find out if we could help your community or neighborhood make a difference and make environmental change happen. And get involved in your community.

Defining the Ideal

BY PETER BRONSKI

What is a sustainable community? At times the answer seems straightforward and instinctive.

You know one when you see one. For me, I think of places like Boulder, Colorado; Burlington, Vermont; Ithaca, New York; Portland, Oregon. Their reputation as hotbeds of sustainability precedes them, and when you visit such a community, it exudes a vibe consistent with that reputation.

Sustainable communities like those in my list tend to share certain common characteristics. They're economically vibrant, politically progressive, environmentally forward-thinking, and socially conscious. You'll find bike paths and bike lanes, community-supported agriculture, an arts scene, a commitment to affordable housing and housing choice.

Residents in sustainable communities know there's something special about the place they call home, and they take steps to plan for their future so that they can keep it that way. From that two-part perspective—valuing the uniqueness of our communities, and planning for a sustainable future—we all potentially live in sustainable communities. The question becomes how to make that ideal a reality. Communities have a vague sense of where they want to go, but may not necessarily know exactly how to get there.

That's where the Sustainable Communities Program comes in, and its tag line—"Fostering more sustainable communities"—is a window into the two-fold motivation of the program. You could read the tag line in one or both of two different ways. On the one hand, the program's aim is to foster more communities that are sustainable. On the other hand, the program's aim is to foster communities that are more sustainable than they were before they began working with Audubon International. Both versions are the program's aspiration.

Audubon International's Sustainable Communities Program

We help you embrace environmental stewardship and sustainability as a central element of planning, policies, and practice. Our goals are simple—we will facilitate best practices, drive change, and offer new solutions to improve environmental quality, social equity, and economic vitality.

Admittedly, the first aspiration—more communities that are sustainable in an absolute sense of the word—is extremely difficult to achieve in practice. How do you define sustainability on an absolute level? Must communities fully produce their own energy? Grow their own food? Deal with their own waste? Supply their own water? Must everyone and every business in a community participate in the process of sustainability.

While such questions may be answerable on a theoretical level, in practice, they are anything but. For one, today's globalized economy and cross-cultural influences means that goods and services, ideas and people, all travel across political, geographical, and ecological boundary lines. No community is an island, metaphorically or literally. The consequence is that even the most sustainable communities are fundamentally rooted in relationships with communities around them.

It's just as well, since defining a sustainable community on an absolute level runs into another obstacle: the question of scale. Where do you draw the line of sustainability? Consider New York City. If you evaluate New York's sustainability on the merits of the water, energy, food, etc. produced within the five boroughs of New York City, your evaluation will vary significantly from the result if you expand your view to include

the agriculture of New Jersey and the lower Hudson Valley, and the water supplies of the Catskill Mountains. Defining sustainability on an absolute level just isn't possible, since the answer depends on a multitude of factors.

Ultimately, communities will do well to take a lesson from ecology. Ecosystems operating in equilibrium (that is, sustainably) are built upon a network of relationships—water cycles, oxygen and carbon cycles, plant growth, animal interactions. Sustainable communities, too, are built upon a network of relationships—relationships not just between people and places and policies and practices, but also between economic, environmental, and social factors. From that perspective, we do our best to foster the healthiest relationships we can; relationships that reduce our environmental impact and uphold communities rooted in the common values and characteristics outlined in the opening paragraphs of this article.

In the end, then, Audubon International's Sustainable Communities Program is about helping communities move along the gradient of sustainability in the direction of a brighter future rooted in a healthy environment and vibrant economy. How we make the move along that gradient differs from community to community, but it's happening in places across the country. Places like these:

Eufaula, Alabama



Along the banks of the Chattahoochee River and Lake Eufaula sits the City of Eufaula (population: 15,000). Before Audubon International even had a Sustainable Communities Program, Eufaula's citizens had a vision for a brighter future, and they wanted Audubon International's help to make it happen. The source of inspiration was two properties—a school and a golf course—that earned certification in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program. Residents were overjoyed with the environmental accomplishments there, and wondered, "Why can't we do something similar for the whole city?" Audubon International's response was, "You can."

In the years since, Eufaula has garnered the attention of CNN and other media outlets for the big accomplishments that came out of the small town. A comprehensive planning process that engaged a broad cross-section of the community resulted in Eufaula 2020, a new sustainable strategic plan for the community. A farmer's market, long since closed, was revived. An old train depot was restored as an historic building and converted into a community center and library annex. The municipal fleet of vehicles and school buses were converted to biodiesel, and the city's codes were overhauled according to the principles of Smart Growth, earning them the moniker, Smart Codes.

Williamston, North Carolina

When Williamston first approached Audubon International, two things were clear: the town was economically depressed, and "sustainability" wasn't exactly a household word. Now, years later, Williamston is emerging as a sustainability leader in eastern North Carolina, and was named a finalist in the annual North Carolina Sustainability Awards.

The Town hired a Sustainability Coordinator, Dr. Tom Ward. With Audubon International's help, Williamston surveyed hundreds of residents in the community to see what environmental concerns they held and what was important to them. With groundwater supplies for drinking water a primary concern, the Town embarked on a water conservation incentive program, including low-flow fixture swap-outs. Then, with funding from a grant, Williamston's high school became a venue for demonstrating green technologies, including permeable pavement, rain barrels, rain gardens, bio filters, and more. Now, the Town is near approval of a new Audubon International-guided strategic plan deeply rooted in the principles of sustainability.



Henrietta, New York

As is the case so often, Henrietta's progress toward becoming a sustainable community started with the leadership and motivation of an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program member—Laurie Broccolo. After hosting site visits from Audubon International's team, residents formed Henrietta Pride, an organization of community stakeholder groups and concerned citizens who wanted to make Henrietta an environmental leader for the Rochester, New York upstate region.



The Town built a nature center and naturalized public lands, while the Henrietta Foundation converted an old railroad grade into one of the most heavily used recreation paths in the region. A golf course, on the verge of closure, was kept open as a family-friendly recreation center and valued green space within the community. And now, with the election of Henrietta Pride member Michael Yudelson to the position of Town Supervisor, the coming year promises a new era of cooperation between town government and Audubon International to make Henrietta the green model it wants to be.

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Audubon International's Sustainable Communities Program

Sarasota County, Florida

When it comes to being a leader, it's hard to surpass the work done in Sarasota County, Florida. County leaders passed an official sustainability resolution, and, since then, the effort has snowballed into one of the most robust in the country. From the Florida House Learning Center—a green demonstration home—to LEED-certified municipal buildings, to alternative fuel and hybrid fleet vehicles, to solar arrays for energy, and the list for Sarasota goes on and on.

Now, Audubon International and Sarasota are working together to take the best of what the county has done and share those techniques with other communities throughout the state of Florida.



Spruce Peak at Stowe, Vermont

Spruce Peak—a part of the larger Stowe Mountain Resort—became the first resort destination in the country to join the Sustainable Communities Program. The relationship has proven a strong one. Vermont as a state has a history of being “green.” The Stowe valley, in particular, is one intimately connected to the natural environment. Residents live there to enjoy the outdoors, to eat local produce, and to play in the mountains.

Spruce Peak's accomplishments have been many—building a new golf course to the standards of the Audubon Signature Program, building super-energy efficient mountain cabins for homeowners, permanently protecting 2,000 acres of prime wildlife habitat. But the resort's most notable accomplishment may be its collaborative effort with Audubon International to choose a comprehensive set of Sustainability Indicators that will be used to measure performance. Spruce Peak's adherence to Audubon International's guidelines, and its willingness to intensively measure the outcomes of its efforts via the Sustainability Indicators, may likely result in one of the most sustainable mountain resort environments in the country.

Snapshots of sustainability like those listed above are just the tip of the proverbial iceberg, but they stand as a strong demonstration that together, Audubon International and communities across the country, we are indeed succeeding in achieving the vision of “fostering more sustainable communities.”

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Project

Audubon International (AI) is pleased and excited to be partnering with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) to launch a watershed-wide stewardship project. While AI has been working with staff of CBF for a number of months in regard to laying the foundation for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Project, the real kick-off will be on May 8, 2008 with the inaugural Akridge Save the Bay Golf Classic.

The Golf Classic will be held at Queenstown Harbor Golf Club, and, aside from a great day of golf, the focus will be on providing information to golfers about the role that properly managed golf courses can play in watershed conservation efforts. The focus is to not only inform the golfers that day, but to send them off to their own homes and places of business with enough enthusiasm that they will follow golf's lead and begin similar conservation efforts in their own lives.

Ron Dodson, President of AI said, “The CBF is the largest regional not-for-profit environmental organization in the United States. We are very pleased that the CBF approached us to partner with them on the golf tournament, but even more so working with the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Project. This partnership will give us the opportunity to showcase what properly managed golf courses can do in regard to environmental stewardship, but they can also serve as a catalyst for other land owners and managers beyond golf to do the same!”

The Chesapeake Bay is one of the most significant and biologically important estuaries in the world. What goes on “up the watershed” directly impacts the health of the bay. By joining in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Project, golf courses not only have an opportunity to demonstrate that golf cares about golf's environment, but they also care about the entire watershed and the centerpiece of what makes an entire region a very special place on Earth.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, PLANNING, AND ACTION

Get In On The Action

If clean water—for drinking, irrigation, recreation, and wildlife—is important to you, you can count yourself among the millions of people who rank water quality and conservation as a top environmental priority. Better still, you can count yourself among the thousands of Audubon International program members who are committed to doing something about it.

What's to be done? Steps can range from personal action to watershed-based planning. Here are a few key ways to make a difference. Additional suggestions can be found at <http://www.auduboninternational.org/e-Source/>

• Explore your watershed.

Find out where your drinking water comes from and where storm water runoff goes. Take a driving tour of your watershed, or canoe or kayak a local stream or river. For a wealth of information on water quality, monitoring activities in your watershed, and organizations near you, check out EPA's Surf Your Watershed Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/surf/> Support local watershed groups and consider getting involved in water quality monitoring.

• Keep it green.

Look at a map of your town and identify natural resources, open space, agricultural areas, and land features that make your area unique. Work with local citizen groups, non-profit organizations, and government agencies to protect what's most valuable and carefully plan future development. Keep your own property green, too. Add native trees and shrubs to your landscape to provide habitat for wildlife and showcase the unique plants of your region.

• Fix the big drains.

Almost every community and property has them—fixable problems that strain water resources. Whether it's aging infrastructure at a municipal sewage treatment plant, a faulty irrigation system that wastes water, or a leaky faucet, focus your attention on the things you can do that will have the greatest positive impact.

• Plan smarter, drive less.

Cars are a major culprit of pollution and environmental degradation. Oil, gas, and other fluid leaks are all prime sources of water pollution, as is stormwater runoff from paved roads and parking lots. Auto exhaust contributes to atmospheric deposition of toxics into waterways. And environmental impacts associated with the oil industry are monumental. Clustering commercial development, revitalizing downtowns, creating walkable communities, and developing reliable public transportation systems are effective ways to reduce reliance on automobiles, while also enhancing a sense of community. On an individual level, regular car maintenance, choosing energy efficient vehicles, and reducing the amount you drive are all part of the solution to this pressing problem.

• Focus on your own home.

Fix that leaky faucet or toilet. Dispose of paint and household chemicals only at your community's hazardous waste collection days and facilities. Don't pour them down the drain. Reduce the amount of water, fertilizer, and pesticides you use on your own lawn and landscaping. Educate yourself about non-chemical ways to keep your lawn and gardens in good shape. Take Audubon International's Treasuring Home pledge and begin acting on it (<http://www.auduboninternational.org/homepledge/index.htm>).



As a part of a company-wide environmental initiative, WCI employees take part in numerous community outreach projects, including the Collier County Waterways Clean-up in Florida.

• Work with neighbors.

If you are part of a neighborhood association or residential community, work with that organization to help you spread the word about what homeowners can do to protect the environment. Select one or two projects—mounting nest boxes, planting trees, developing landscape guidelines—to kick off your efforts. Better still, enroll in Audubon International's *Green Neighborhoods* program and we'll help you get organized.

• Extend your reach.

Audubon International members have extensive experience in environmental management and education. Time and time again, we've seen amazing results when our members extend their reach beyond their own properties. Involvement with schools, watershed organizations, professional associations, and community groups are tried and true options for sharing what you know and getting others involved. If you're comfortable with what you've been able to do on your own property, why not identify a group or organization to reach out to? The more people get involved, the greater our impact can be.

Visit our online information center for fact sheets on a variety of environmental topics: www.auduboninternational.org/e-source/

AUDUBON COOPERATIVE SANCTUARY PROGRAMS

NEW MEMBERS GOLF PROGRAM

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 Burnaby Golf Course, Burnaby, BC, Canada
 Earl Grey Golf Club, Calgary, AB, Canada
 Elm Ridge Golf & Country Club, Ile-Bizard, QC, Canada
 Fairmont St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland
 Frog's Breath Golf Club, New Liskeard, ON, Canada
 Magna Golf Club, Aurora, ON, Canada
 Manderley On the Green, North Gower, ON, Canada
 Olds Central Highlands Golf Course, Olds, AB, Canada
 Pearl Beach International Country Club, Hangu District, Tianjin, China
 Roco Ki Golf Club, La Altagracia, Dominican Republic
 Station Mont-Tremblant, Mont-Tremblant, QC, Canada
 The Club at Bond Head, Bond Head, ON, Canada
 Turner Valley Golf and Country Club, Turner Valley, AB, Canada
 Uplands Golf Club, Victoria, BC, Canada
 Upper Canada Golf Course, Morrisburg, ON, Canada
 Westview Golf Club, Aurora, ON, Canada

UNITED STATES

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Moon Valley Country Club, Phoenix
 Poston Butte Golf Club, Florence
 Talking Stick Golf Club, Scottsdale
 Troon North Golf Club, Scottsdale
 Whirlwind Golf Club, Chandler

California

Boundary Oak Golf Course, Walnut Creek
 Brea Creek Golf Course, Brea
 Indian Wells Golf Resort, Indian Wells
 Industry Hills Golf Course, Industry
 La Quinta Resort and Club—Mountain Dunes Course, LaQuinta
 McAllister Ranch, Bakersfield
 Monarch Beach Golf Links, Dana Point
 Ruby Hill Golf Club, Pleasanton
 Stonebrae Country Club, Hayward
 StoneTree Golf Club, Novato
 Yocha-De-He Golf Club, Brooks

Colorado

Bridges Golf & Country Club, Montrose
 City Park Nine Golf Course, Fort Collins
 Cougar Canyon Golf Links, Trinidad
 Lake Arbor Golf Course, Arvada
 Steamboat Golf Club, Steamboat Springs
 The Club at Flying Horse, Colorado Springs

Connecticut

Lake of Isles, North Stonington
 Sharon Country Club Inc., Sharon

Delaware

Rock Manor Golf Club, Wilmington

Florida

Delray Beach Golf Club, Delray Beach
 John Prince Golf Learning Center, Lake Worth
 Lakewood Ranch Golf and Country Club "Country Club East", Bradenton
 Mission Valley Golf and Country Club, Laurel
 Palmetto Golf Course, Miami
 Southwinds Golf Course, Boca Raton
 The Diplomat Resort Country Club & Spa, Hallandale
 The Everglades Club, Palm Beach
 West Palm Beach Golf Course, West Palm Beach

Georgia

Achasta Golf Club, Dahlonega
 Echelon Home of the Georgia Tech Club, Alpharetta
 Savannah Quarters Country Club, Pooler
 Sky Valley Resort & Country Club, Sky Valley
 Stonebridge Golf Club, Rome

Hawaii

Kaanapali Golf Resort, Lahaina

Illinois

Antioch Golf Club, Antioch
 Ironwood Golf Course, Normal
 Sinnissippi Golf Course, Rockford

Indiana

Chariot Run Golf Club, Laconia

Kansas

Cypress Ridge Golf Course, Topeka
 Overland Park Golf Course, Overland Park
 Tallgrass Country Club, Wichita

Kentucky

Bardstown Country Club at Maywood, Bardstown

Louisiana

Black Bear Golf Course, Delhi
 The Atchafalaya at Idlewild, Patterson

Massachusetts

Tedesco Country Club, Marblehead
 Walpole Country Club, Walpole

Maryland

Country Club at Woodmore, Mitchellville

Maine

Northeast Harbor Golf Club, Northeast Harbor

Missouri

Branson Creek Golf Club, Branson
 Links at Columbia Golf and Country Club, Columbia

Montana

Rock Creek Cattle Company Golf Course, Deer Lodge

North Carolina

Bayonet at Puppy Creek, Raeford
 Burlingame Country Club, Sapphire
 Carolina Trace Country Club, Sanford
 North River Club Golf Course, Beaufort

New Jersey

Bamm Hollow Country Club, Lincroft
 Deal Golf & Country Club, Deal
 Royce Brook Golf Club, Hillsborough

New Mexico

Twin Warriors Golf Club, Santa Ana Pueblo

Nevada

Revere Golf Club, Henderson
 Wildhorse Golf Club, Henderson

New York

Indian Hills State Golf Course, Painted Post
 Lake Shore Yacht & Country Club, Cicero
 Piping Rock Club, Locust Valley

Oklahoma

Rose Creek Golf Club, Edmond

Oregon

Caldera Springs Golf Links, Sunriver
 Sandpines Golf Links, Florence
 Shadow Hills Country Club, Eugene

Pennsylvania

Bedford Springs Resort, Bedford
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 Skytop Lodge, Skytop

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Potowomut Golf Club, East Greenwich

South Carolina

Caledonia Golf & Fish Club, Pawleys Island
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 The Reserve Golf Club of Pawleys Island, Pawleys Island

Texas

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 Iron Horse Golf Course, North Richland Hills
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 Midland Country Club, Midland
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 The Golf Club at Castle Hills, Lewisville
 The Village Golf Club, Conroe
 Traditions Club at Texas A&M, Bryan
 Westridge Golf Course, McKinney

Virginia

Army Navy Country Club, Fairfax
 Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club, Leesburg
 Stumpy Lake Golf Course Inc., Virginia Beach

Vermont

Jay Peak Golf Course, Jay

Washington

The Home Course, DuPont



Wisconsin

Horseshoe Bay Golf Club, Egg Harbor
Watertown Country Club, Watertown

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Canada
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Manhattan Woods Golf Club, West
Nyack, NY
Mendham Golf and Tennis Club,
Brookside, NJ
Napa Golf Course at Kennedy Park,
Napa, CA
Oak Point Golf Course at Kiawah Island
Golf Resort, Johns Island, SC
Osprey Meadows at Tamarack Resort,
Tamarack, ID
Osprey Point at Kiawah Island Golf
Resort, Kiawah Island, SC
Pohick Bay Golf Course, Lorton, VA
Rarity Bay, Vonore, TN
Silvertip Resort, Canmore, AB, Canada
The Golf Club at Oxford Greens,
Oxford, CT
The Golf Club at Sanctuary Cove,
Waverly, GA
The Ridges Golf and Country Club,
Jonesborough, TN

The Ritz-Carlton Members Golf Club,
Bradenton, FL

The Snead Course at the Greenbrier
Sporting Club, White Sulphur
Springs, WV

Turtle Point Golf Club at Kiawah Island,
Kiawah Island, SC

Wooden Sticks Golf Club, Uxbridge,
ON, Canada

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Hutchinson, KS

Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club,
North Plains, OR

The Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, MN
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TPC Southwind, Memphis, TN
TPC Sugarloaf, Duluth, GA

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Beaconsfield Golf Club, Pointe Claire,
QC, Canada

Boonsboro Country Club, Lynchburg, VA
Brooks National Golf Club, Okoboji, IA
Columbia Golf & Country Club,
Claverack, NY

Deerfield Golf & Tennis Club: White
Clay Creek State Park, Newark, DE
DuPont Country Club, Wilmington, DE
Fox Hollow at Lakewood Golf Course,
Lakewood, CO

Highlands Country Club, Highlands, NC
Interlachen Country Club, Winter Park, FL
Kinston Country Club, Kinston, NC
Lakelands Golf & Country Club,
Brighton, MI

Mill Pond Golf Course, Middle Island, NY
Mount Juliet Golf Club, Thomastown,
Ireland

Ocean Course at Sea Pines Resort,
Hilton Head, SC

Round Hill Club, Greenwich, CT
Tan Tara Golf Club, North

Tonawanda, NY
Tartan Park Golf Course, Lake Elmo, MN
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The Country Club of North Carolina,
Pinehurst, NC

TPC Jasna Polana, Princeton, NJ
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Valley, CA

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Canada

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University, Raleigh, NC
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Sustainable Communities Summit III: New York State



The third in a series of meetings focused on the topic of making sustainable communities a reality is scheduled to take place June 11, 2008 in the Albany, New York area, hosted by Audubon International. Leaders from municipal governments, universities, planning bodies, businesses, and advocacy groups will participate in the full-day New York Sustainable Communities Summit. "It is our hope to build on the sustainability conversation already taking place in New York's Capital Region and throughout the state," says Fred Realbuto, Director of New York Operations, "and highlight the lessons we have learned in sustainable planning, development, and community engagement." This event marks the third in the series—with the other two Sustainable Communities Summits taking place in partnership with North Carolina State University and University of Florida's Program for Resource Efficient Communities, respectively. For information about this Summit or to explore the possibility of co-hosting a sustainable communities summit in your state or region, contact Jessica DesLauriers at (518) 767-9051 extension 20, or JDesLauriers@audu

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