The Green Neighborhoods Program

What is the Green Neighborhoods Program?
Audubon International’s Green Neighborhoods program engages people from all walks of life in projects that protect and enhance the land, water, wildlife, and natural resources around them. Neighborhood communities that want to create a sense of community, provide natural areas for residents and wildlife, protect water quality, and conserve resources are invited to join. It’s a perfect fit for neighborhood communities and residents who want to do something good for the environment and would like help and recognition along the way.

Who Can Join?
Neighborhoods of all sizes, budgets, locations, and characteristics are welcome to participate in this program. Potential members include, but are not limited to the following:

- community associations
- single family home developments
- planned unit developments
- planned residential developments
- cluster developments
- property owner associations
- master planned communities
- homeowner associations
- informal neighborhood associations
- planned communities
- vacation and timeshare neighborhoods
- townhouse developments

What’s Involved?
Green Neighborhoods make a commitment to complete at least one environmental improvement project each year and report their results. Partners choose from a variety of projects in five environmental tracks: (1) wildlife, (2) water, (3) outreach and education, (4) resource management, and (5) community awareness. The projects are designed to be fun and engaging, with a range from beginner to more advanced. For instance, Green Neighborhoods members plant gardens for wildlife, clean up streams, recycle, improve energy efficiency, and much more!

Green Neighborhoods receive educational resources and guidance to help them complete a project, and receive an Audubon Project Award for each completed project. Upon completion of three projects in one year, Green Neighborhoods receive an Environmental Stewardship Award. Neighborhood members that establish a Neighborhood Audubon Committee, complete an assessment and plan, and complete at least one environmental project are awarded the Neighborhood for Nature Award, the highest Audubon International honor. There is a $250 ($300 international) Annual Membership Fee to join.

Audubon International’s Green Neighborhoods are all about results: greater public awareness, increased participation in environmental stewardship activities, and an improved environment. Join us!

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