What is the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Certification Program?

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Certification Program (ACSP) is an education and certification program designed to help organizations and businesses protect our environment, become sustainability leaders in their community, and provide positive bottom line impacts on their operations. The “plan-do-check-act” approach of the ACSP includes certification as an incentive and reward for positive environmental actions and results.

How Does it Work?

The ACSP assists organizations and businesses in taking stock of environmental resources and any potential liabilities, and then develops a plan that fits its unique setting, staff, budget, and time. Organizations and businesses of all sizes, budgets, locations, and characteristics are welcome to participate in this program including corporate office parks, college campuses, entertainment venues, public parks, and cemeteries.

Audubon International provides information to help personnel with five key environmental components:

- Site Assessment and Environmental Planning
- Wildlife and Habitat Management
- Water
- Resource Management
- Outreach and Education

Certification

Achieving certification demonstrates leadership and commitment to high standards of environmental management.

To be designated, your team will develop and implement an environmental management plan and document the results. Once confirmed by a site visit from an Audubon International representative, that you’ve met the environmental management standards in each area, certification is awarded.

Recertification is required every three years to maintain your Certified Sanctuary designation.

“Audubon International brings a unique blend of tradition and innovation to every member in their Sanctuary Program. Active ACSP membership is the cornerstone of excellence that supports the blending of cutting edge environmental stewardship and sound economic strategy. This business model will lead the way to stability and success as we face tougher economic and regulatory pressures."

- Anthony Williams, Director of Grounds, Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort, GA

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