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The Westmoor Club Joins Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program

NANTUCKET, MA – The Westmoor Club has received certification in Environmental Planning from the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program (ACSP), an international program administered by Audubon International designed to help landowners preserve and enhance the environmental quality of their property. The plan was developed by John Mills, Superintendent, who is also recognized for his effort to plan for environmental stewardship.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program provides an advisory service to help existing clubs develop effective conservation and wildlife enhancement programs. This worldwide effort is coordinated by Audubon International and is sponsored in part by the United States Golf Association.

"The open space of a club is utilized not only by members, but is habitat for a variety of wildlife species," explained Tara Donadio, Director of Cooperative Sanctuary Programs at Audubon International. "We welcome The Westmoor Club commitment to the environment and to managing the club with wildlife in mind."

By joining and participating in the ACSP, The Westmoor Club will be involved in projects that enhance habitat for wildlife and preserve natural resources for the benefit of the local community. These projects may include: placing nesting boxes for cavity-nesting birds such as bluebirds and swallows, utilizing integrated pest management techniques, conserving water, and maintaining food and cover for wildlife.

"The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program benefits both people and wildlife," said Donadio. "It's a great way for the managers of developed properties and environmental organizations to work together to become better stewards of land and natural resources."

After the environmental plan is approved, properties in the program may apply for certification in Wildlife and Habitat Management, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation, Water Quality Management, and Outreach and Education by demonstrating that they have met minimum requirements for each category.

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