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### **Maplewood Golf Course Recognized for Environmental Excellence**

RENTON, WA – Maplewood Golf Course has achieved designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, an Audubon International program. Steve Meyers, Course Superintendent, has led the effort to obtain sanctuary status on this course and is being recognized for Environmental Stewardship by Audubon International. Maplewood Golf Course is the 12<sup>th</sup> course in Washington and the 703<sup>rd</sup> in the world to receive the honor.

"Maplewood Golf Course has shown a strong commitment to its environmental program. They are to be commended for their efforts to provide a sanctuary for wildlife on the golf course property," said Jim Sluiter, Staff Ecologist for the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Programs.

"To reach certification, a course must demonstrate that they are maintaining a high degree of environmental quality in a number of areas," explained Sluiter. These categories include: Environmental Planning, Wildlife & Habitat Management, Outreach and Education, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation, and Water Quality Management.

"We are extremely proud that Maplewood Golf Course has received this special recognition from the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program," said Renton Mayor Denis Law. "This award illustrates our commitment to promoting environmental leadership and providing a sustainable and environmentally friendly golf course that can be enjoyed by golfers and protects our wildlife."

"As a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary, the City of Renton's Maplewood Golf Course demonstrates to the community that we are dedicated to protecting the environment, wildlife and aquifer with little to no impacts to the playability of the golf course. Steve Meyers, golf course superintendent, and his team have done an incredible job in attaining this accomplishment" " said Kelly Beymer, Golf Course Manager.



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The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, endorsed by the United States Golf Association, provides information and guidance to help golf courses preserve and enhance wildlife habitat, and protect natural resources. Golf courses from the United States, Africa, Australia, Canada, Central America, Europe, and Southeast Asia have also achieved certification in the program.

For more information on golf and the environment, visit [www.golfandenvironment.org](http://www.golfandenvironment.org). In addition to golf courses, Audubon International also provides programs for businesses, schools, communities, and new developments. For more information, contact Audubon International, 46 Rarick Rd., Selkirk, NY 12158, USA, (518) 767-9051, e-mail them via the Internet at [acsp@auduboninternational.org](mailto:acsp@auduboninternational.org), or visit their website at [www.auduboninternational.org](http://www.auduboninternational.org).

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