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Heritage Oaks Golf and CC Recognized for Environmental Excellence

Sarasota, FL – Heritage Oaks Golf and CC has retained its designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, an Audubon International program.

Participation is designed to help course personnel plan, organize, implement, and document a comprehensive environmental management program and receive recognition for their efforts. To reach certification, a course must demonstrate that they are maintaining a high degree of environmental quality in a number of areas including: Environmental Planning, Wildlife & Habitat Management, Outreach and Education, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation, and Water Quality Management.

"Heritage Oaks 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 Christine Kane, CEO at Audubon International.

Heritage Oaks is one of over 900 courses in the world to hold certification from Audubon International. Golf courses from the United States, Africa, Australia, Central America, Europe, South America, and Southeast Asia have also achieved certification in the program. The golf course was designated as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary in 2011. After designation, courses go through a recertification process every three years.

"We see the site visit as an important component of a course's recertification," stated Kane. "It provides an objective verification of some of the more visible aspects of the course's environmental management activities. In addition, it offers an opportunity for golf course representatives to share publicly some of the voluntary actions they have taken behind the scenes to protect and sustain the land, water, wildlife, and natural resources around them."

About Audubon International

Audubon International is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) environmental education organization dedicated to providing people with the education and assistance they need to practice responsible management of land, water, wildlife, and other natural resources. To meet this mission, the organization provides training, services, and a set of award-winning environmental education and certification programs for individuals, organizations, properties, new developments, and entire communities.

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BE IT KNOWN THAT

HERITAGE OAKS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

HAS MET THE CRITERIA SET FORTH BY THE
**AUDUBON COOPERATIVE SANCTUARY PROGRAM
FOR GOLF COURSES**

AND HAS ACHIEVED

RECERTIFICATION

FOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

RECERTIFICATION ISSUED

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CERTIFIED SINCE 2011



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