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Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club Recognized for Environmental Excellence

SARASOTA, FL – Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club has retained its designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, an Audubon International program. Todd Steward, Assistant Golf Course Superintendent, led the effort to maintain sanctuary status on this course. Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club was designated as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary in 2011 and is one of 904 courses in the world to currently be designated as such.

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, Mexico, and Southeast Asia have achieved certification in the program.

"Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club has shown a strong commitment to its environmental program. They are to be commended for preserving the natural heritage of the area by protecting the local watershed and providing a sanctuary for wildlife on the golf course property," said Christine Kane, Executive Director at Audubon International.

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

Audubon International is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Troy, NY. In addition to golf courses, Audubon International also provides programs for businesses, schools, communities, and new developments with the purpose of delivering high-quality environmental education and facilitating the sustainable management of natural resources. For more information, call Audubon International at 1-844-767-9051 or visit www.auduboninternational.org.

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BE IT KNOWN THAT

HERITAGE OAKS GOLF AND 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

APRIL 18, 2018

CERTIFIED SINCE 2011

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