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Pecan Hollow Golf Course Recognized for Environmental Excellence

PLANO, TX– Pecan Hollow Golf Course has achieved designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, an Audubon International program. Pecan Hollow Golf Course is the 15th course in Texas and the 705th in the world to receive the honor.

"Pecan Hollow 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.

Amy Fortenberry, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Plano, praised the staff at Pecan Hollow for their dedication during the past 2-1/2 years to achieve this important certification. "Enriching Plano through parks, facilities, programs and resource stewardship is the guiding philosophy we follow in creating a sustainable environment which enhances the daily lives of our residents. Plano's parks and recreation facilities are designed to promote active healthy lifestyles and benefit our community. This Sanctuary Certification at Pecan Hollow Golf Course fits perfectly into Plano's goals of sustainability and environmental protection."

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 Canada, Africa, Australia, Central America, Europe, Mexico, and Southeast Asia have also achieved certification in the program.

For more information on golf and the environment, visit 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, or visit their website at www.auduboninternational.org.

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