



From One...To Many



Give a gift to the next generation by working toward a more sustainable future today.

There is much we can do personally to improve and protect the environment where we live. Yet the impact of our individual actions can make a far greater difference when multiplied by the involvement of many. We can create a more sustainable future when we extend environmental stewardship from household to neighborhood, neighborhood to community, and community to region and nation.

Spread the word

Consider ways to extend your involvement in good environmental stewardship right where you live. Get family members involved, and then invite neighbors to take action. If you are part of a homeowner's association or share common green space with neighbors, initiate projects, such as improved native landscaping or water conservation, to extend your care of the local environment. Further spread the word—and action—to local schools, businesses, civic organizations, and town or city government.

10 Ways to Take Action

1. Share your success.

Talk with family and friends about your participation in environmental stewardship. Pass on this newsletter and encourage others to get involved.

2. Encourage colleagues to participate.

Communicate with your colleagues about the potential benefits of their involvement. Some ways to spark interest include: hosting a reception or gathering, writing a letter, or offering a property tour to show your actions and results. Offer to conduct site visits or give a talk about Audubon International and the ACSP program to other golf courses, businesses, or schools.

3. Ask your local homeowners or neighborhood association to join you.

If you are part of a neighborhood association or residential community, use that organization to help you spread the word about what homeowners can do to protect the environment. Select one or two projects—mounting nest boxes, planting trees, developing landscape guidelines—to kick off your efforts.

4. Help out!

Offer to serve on a new member's Resource Advisory Group as a way to mentor them through the certification process.

5. Vote with your dollars.

Where you spend your money makes a difference. Purchase locally-grown and produced products, and recycled goods when possible. Patronizing local producers strengthens community connections and supports those with a local interest in protecting natural resources.

6. Take your enthusiasm to school.

Offer to help your local school get involved in environmental stewardship. There are many good environmental improvement programs, including the *Audubon Partners for the Environment Program*.

7. Get involved in or organize community projects.

There are plenty of environmental projects that communities need done. From stream monitoring and clean up to tree planting and beautification projects, choose a project that suits your interests and your community's needs. Local groups, including land trusts, watershed protection groups, and nature centers are always in need of volunteers.

8. Participate in town planning.

Voice your concern for conservation at town planning and zoning meetings. Get involved proactively, not just when projects are proposed that you'd like the town to oppose.

9. Protect local natural assets.

Look at a map of your town and identify natural resources, open space, agricultural areas, and land features that make your area unique. Work with local citizen groups, non-profit organizations, and government agencies to protect what's most valuable.

10. Create connections.

To thrive, wildlife species need connected corridors of habitat—woods, wetlands, grasslands, water sources— to meet their basic needs for food, shelter, water, and reproductive sites. The more properties in your community that offer some habitat and the more connected these areas are to large natural areas, the greater the benefit will be.

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