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Oldfield Community Association Recognized for Environmental Stewardship

OKATIE, SC – Audubon International has awarded Oldfield Community Association a Neighborhood for Nature Award in recognition of its outstanding efforts to foster environmental awareness and stewardship through the Audubon International Green Neighborhoods Program. Jill Kombrink, Naturalist and Green Neighborhoods Coordinator, is also recognized for her effort to plan for and promote environmental stewardship within the community. By completing projects in each of five tracks, Oldfield earned the Neighborhood for Nature Award, making it the first neighborhood to receive the award this year.

The Audubon International Green Neighborhoods Program is designed to help a wide array of residential neighborhoods take stock of the natural environment around them, foster a sense of community through environmental projects and actions, and inspire better environmental practices on a community-wide basis. Members are required to build a Neighborhood Audubon Committee, conduct an environmental audit of their neighborhood community, and work with Audubon International staff to identify environmental education and improvement projects in the following areas: water quality & conservation, resource management, wildlife habitat protection and enhancement, community awareness, and outreach and education.

"Ultimately, we look to motivate neighborhood communities to practice environmental stewardship, educate residents, and promote sustainable actions, while at the same time make it fun for all who participate," explained Joanna Nadeau, director of community programs for Audubon International. "We welcome Oldfield's commitment to the natural environment and to encouraging wildlife-sensitive practices."

By joining and participating in the Green Neighborhoods Program, Oldfield is involved in projects that enhance habitat for wildlife and preserve natural resources for the benefit of the local community. These projects include: enhancing the property for butterflies, installing bee colonies, conserving water and energy, recycling waste, protecting water quality in the Port Royal Sound, and supporting oyster reef restoration.

"Audubon International programs benefit both people and wildlife," said Nadeau. "It's a great way for the managers of developed properties and environmental organizations to work together to become better stewards of land and natural resources."

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. Through the Sustainable Communities and Green Neighborhoods Programs, Audubon International works to help community leaders and stakeholders embrace environmental stewardship and sustainability as a central element of planning, policies, and practices.

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