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### **TPC Louisiana Recognized for Environmental Excellence**

AVONDALE, LA – The TPC Louisiana golf course has achieved designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, an Audubon International program. Robb Arnold, Golf Course Superintendent, has led the effort to obtain sanctuary status on this course and is being recognized for Environmental Stewardship by Audubon International. TPC Louisiana is the 2<sup>rd</sup> course in Louisiana and the 798<sup>th</sup> in the world to receive the honor.

"TPC Louisiana 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.

"The TPC Louisiana is very proud of this accomplishment and it has been a pleasure working with Audubon International as we worked toward Certification," stated Arnold. "My hopes are that the TPC Louisiana can help in taking the lead in getting more courses in Louisiana certified. All golf courses are great stewards of the environment and it is important for us as a community to demonstrate and educate the public to our efforts in preserving our environment for all future generations."

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

For more information on golf and the environment, visit [www.golfandenvironment.org](http://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](mailto:acsp@auduboninternational.org), or visit their website at [www.auduboninternational.org](http://www.auduboninternational.org).

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