



Bird-friendly Neighborhood Application

**This application may be used for neighborhoods that meet the criteria for designation or to inform those that are interested in pursuing designation.*

Today's Date: _____

1. Neighborhood Representative: _____
2. Telephone number: _____
3. Email address: _____
4. Mailing Address: _____
5. How did you hear about this program? _____

About the Neighborhood

6. **Name** of Subdivision/Development (if any): _____
7. Township *and* County: _____
8. Is your Township or Borough a **Bird Town**? ____ YES ____ NO
9. Is your neighborhood governed by a **Board/HOA**? ____ YES ____ NO

If YES, please describe the board including number of members, frequency of meetings, and main purpose:

10. Are there **bylaws** for the neighborhood, and do they include rules for landscaping?:
____ NO ____ YES, with landscaping* ____ YES, but no landscaping rules

*Please attach the landscaping rules or bylaws to this application.

11. Are there bylaws or rules that prohibit bird feeding and/or birdhouses on individual properties? ____ YES ____ NO (If yes, please attach).

12. Is there a landscape or "green" sub-committee? ____ YES ____ NO

13. How many **households** exist in the neighborhood:

- # _____ Single Family Homes
- # _____ Attached Townhomes/Carriage Houses
- # _____ Condos/Apartments (multi-story)
- # _____ Other: _____

Total # : _____

14. How would you describe the **demographics** of the neighborhood:

- % ____ Young families with children (K – 8th grades)
- % ____ Families with older/grown children (high school and older)
- % ____ Empty nesters
- % ____ Unknown
- ____ Senior Living/Retirement/Assisted/55+ Exclusive

15. How would you describe the general **landscape** characteristics of the neighborhood?

- __ Mature (large trees, established shrubs, shady)
- __ Young (smaller shade trees that will eventually be large, good mix of shrubs)
- __ New (small, ornamental, or no trees, new foundation plantings, lawn, “blank slate”)
- __ Formal (consistent tree plantings throughout neighborhood, manicured lawns, symmetrical foundation planting around homes)

16. What type of open/common areas exist in the neighborhood?

- ____ Parkway (area between sidewalk and street)
- ____ Median parkway (strip between two lanes of street)
- ____ Circle/Island parkway (circular “park” surrounded by street)
- ____ Detention/Retention basin
- ____ Woodland/Forest (____ with trails ____ no trails)
- ____ Open fields/farmland/pasture
- ____ Playground/playfields
- ____ Community Building
- ____ Other: _____

17. How many acres is the entire development? _____
18. How are the common areas (not natural areas) managed (check all that apply)?
- Professional landscape/lawn company
 - Conventional chemical use on certain areas
 - Which area(s)? _____
 - Organic landscape care on certain areas
 - Which area(s)? _____
 - Describe organics used: _____
 - The homeowners manage some common areas
 - Which area(s)? _____
19. How many individual properties are registered in Audubon's ***Bird Habitat Recognition*** program? _____

We Have This!

To become designated, the following needs to be in place. Audubon will work closely with you to achieve this list of required benchmarks.

20. The required number of households are registered in the *Bird Habitat Recognition* program:
- 30% of households with developments of 10-100 single-family homes
 - 25% of households with developments of 101 – 200 single-family homes
 - 20% of households with developments of 201+ single-family homes
21. A **plan** is in place to examine and implement naturalization methods of mowed detention/retention basins, including the addition of bluebird (or other) nestboxes where appropriate.
22. At a board, HOA, or committee meeting, we have discussed restrictive landscaping and bird feeding **bylaws** with the intent on creating opportunities for people to use native plants in the landscape, disallow the use of invasive plants, enjoy safe bird feeding and include nestboxes where appropriate.
(Please attach minutes from that meeting.)
23. We have held a **speaker** event or workshop for residents about birds, native plants in the landscape, insects, citizen science (Great Backyard Bird Count and others), deer management, and/or organic landscape care. Date: _____
(Please attach flyer or other correspondence about event)
24. We have distributed Audubon materials to all residents.

25. ____ Addressing **window strikes** on community buildings by using any number of methods to block or make glass less reflective or less desirable as an “escape” route for birds that perceive the reflection as “real.”
26. ____ Drafting bylaws/rules regarding free-roaming pet **cats** and the control of feral cats on the property
(Please attach any related materials)
27. ____ In an effort to increase percentage of native plants (trees and shrubs) in both common areas and on individual properties, we have discussed (or held) a community **planting day** and workshop in which native plants will be ordered from and delivered by regional native plant resource.
28. ____ In our **natural areas** (where applicable) we do at least one of the following:
__ Monitor and/or control invasive plants
__ Inventorying or tracking native plants
__ Controlling deer by fencing or other means
__ Including nestboxes where needed
__ Actively restoring forest, stream corridor, wetland, scrub-shrub, or grassland/meadow
29. ____ We pledge to continue these efforts, with Audubon’s assistance, throughout the year with the goal of improving the ecological footprint of our community and increasing its capacity to provide resources for birds. We understand that annual renewal applications will be required and that specific information about growth and improvement will be requested.

Mail to:

**Audubon Pennsylvania - BFC Neighborhood
1201 Pawlings Road ~ Audubon PA 19403**

There is no fee for enrollment in the Bird Friendly Neighborhood Program.

One sign is provided at no charge. Others are available for purchase.

Annual renewal applications will be required.