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Indirect Mitigation- Audubon International Certifications for Golf

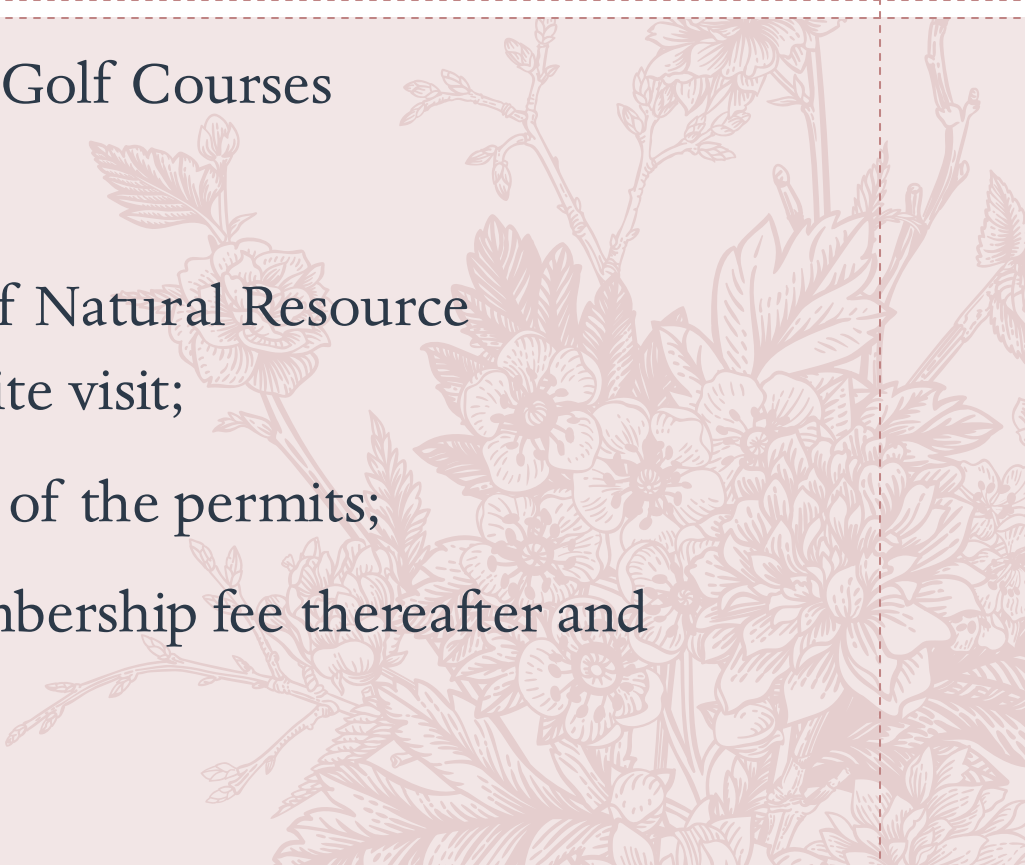
WMA Advisory Committee Meeting
May 21, 2025

WMA Regulated Golf Courses and Mitigation

Golf Course (GC) # by Region with Permit Status			Mitigation Status				
Region	# Total GC	# GC Permits	Unknown	No Mitigation	Mitigation Needed	Mitigation met by:	
						Audubon Cert.	Other
WERO	18	11	9		2	1	Stormwater
CERO	18	5	4		1	1	
NERO	34	11	4	6	1	1	
SERO	76	35	6	13	16	12	Habitat Protection, Wastewater Return
Total	146	62	23	19	20	15	5

Audubon International Certifications for Golf

Signature Sanctuary---Newly Constructed and Expanding Golf Courses

- Must complete the full certification;
 - Includes site assessment visit, developing & approval of Natural Resource Management Plan and a final environmental audit & site visit;
 - Require recertification every three years during the lift of the permits;
 - One time registration fee of \$15,500, \$950 annual membership fee thereafter and \$1,000 recertification site visit fee every three years
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Audubon International Certifications for Golf

Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf (ACSP) ----Existing courses in need of additional water over baseline use (2003-2005)

- Six key environmental components:
 1. Site Assessment/ Environmental Planning,
 2. Water Conservation, plus
 3. Wildlife and Habitat Management,
 4. Chemical Use Reduction and Safety,
 5. Water Quality Management, and
 6. Outreach and Education.
- 3 credits per qualified individual recognitions, up to 9 credits. 12 credits for full ACSP certification;
- Require recertification every three years (alternate between a Backup documentation recertification and a Site visit Recertification)
- \$1,000 to join, \$500 annual membership thereafter. \$500 plus share of ACSP`s travel costs to golf course for site visit recertification. \$500 for documentation recertification.

Environmental Components Explained- 1:3

1. Environmental Planning

- Evaluating key resources and site constraints;
- Developing environmental management strategies for the other five components.

2. Water Conservation

- Adopting water conservation measures to use water at optimal efficiency through a combination of equipment, operational, and behavioral changes.

3. Wildlife and Habitat Management

- Identifying core habitats, developing a wildlife inventory and enhance habitat;
- Naturalization can reduce water use.

Environmental Components Explained- 4 to 6

4. Chemical Use Reduction and Safety

- Using an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to keep turfgrass pest populations below levels without creating a hazard to people and the environment.

5. Water Quality Management

- Employing Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize the potential for chemical runoff, nutrient loading, and drift.

6. Outreach and Education

- Educating patrons, staff, community members etc. about programs and projects on the golf course that improve environmental quality.

Questions?

