



SIGNATURE SANCTUARY

FACT SHEET

What is Signature Sanctuary Certification?

- Our most elite and customizable environmental certification verifying sustainable design, construction, and long-term management of golf courses, communities, businesses and resorts.
- A way to unify your team. By pursuing certification, architects, owners, managers, key stakeholders, and Audubon International work together to outline economic and environmental goals now and for the future.
- A science and data driven certification ensuring economic and environmental goals are achieved, verified, and sustained in the long-term.

Are there different levels?

- Four levels of Signature Sanctuary certification (bronze, silver, gold, platinum) offer options for every property.
- The certification is flexible and adaptable to each property, but generally involves:
 - Developing a Natural Resources Management Plan
 - Meeting Natural Resource Management Center (Maintenance Facility) standards
 - Conducting environmental monitoring/testing
 - Creating or adding to native plantings (percentage varies per level) and wildlife habitat
 - Establishing a Resource Advisory Committee

Who is eligible?

- Golf courses (new construction and renovating)
- Resorts (new construction and renovating)
- Communities (new)
- Businesses (new)

Focal areas:

- Environmental Planning
- Construction Timeline & Management
- Best Management Practices
- Landscaping & Cultural Practices
- Integrated Pest Management
- Water Conservation & Water Quality Management
- Environmental Monitoring
- Natural Resource Management Center
- Waste Management & Energy Planning
- Wildlife and Habitat Enhancement
- Environmental Education and Outreach



How does it work?

Certification Process:

1. Enrollment
2. Initial site assessment visit & site plan reviews
3. Monthly reporting
4. Development & approval of Natural Resources Management Plan (NRMP)
5. Optional Mid-Construction site visit
6. Final environmental audit visit and completion of NRMP

Recertification Process:

1. Annual Reporting (inc. EIQ chart and water quality test results)
2. AI recertification site visit (every 3 years)

What is the cost?

One time registration fee of \$15,500* includes:

- Three site visits (excluding travel expenses, which are the responsibility of the member)**
- All Audubon International labor through certification
- First year membership fee

There is a \$950 membership fee each year thereafter and a \$1,000 recertification site visit fee every three years.***

*Base fee for a single golf course, business, or community in North America (bronze, silver, gold level). International, multi-part projects and platinum level projects will receive a customized proposal.

**All travel expenses are divided evenly between the sites visited on a single trip to reduce travel costs billed to each member

***Additional site visits are available at the expense of \$1,000/day plus travel expenses.

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