Audubon International collaborated with environmental and turf researchers; experts in environmental planning, water quality, and wildlife; superintendents and club managers; as well as organizations such as the U.S. Golf Association, Club Managers Association of America and Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. In addition, Audubon International’s nearly 10 years of experience working directly with superintendents, has resulted in an audit that is user-friendly and easy-to-complete.

The Environmental Performance Audit is available in a variety of forums. Club managers may obtain it for full facilities through CMAA.

Audubon International staff also will offer seminars for club managers during the CMAA World Conference in Atlanta in February. The Environmental Performance Audit for golf courses is available to members of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program.

In addition, GCSAA members will have the opportunity to take the audit during a new seminar, “Integrated Environmental Management,” offered by GCSAA’s Continuing Education Program.

“We hope people will follow up on taking the audit by participating in one of the available educational forums, or joining the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program to learn more about taking action based on the results of the audit,” said Smart.

“In the future, we hope to also secure funding to make the audit available via CD-ROM, so that participants can enter information into the audit on their computer. The program would then calculate your score and provide interpretation for the meaning of the score.”

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