

MIDWEST EDUCATION RECAP

Brad Anderson, CGCS *Midlane Country Club*

August

- Peter Leuzinger, the regional coordinator for Audobon International, came to speak to us at McHenry Country Club about the conservation and set-aside policies that our golf clubs may adopt for developing sustainable wildlife habitats.
- Mr. Leuzinger began by informing us that many of our golf courses are the last remnant of greenspace and habitat that once covered our region. He believes that with

proper management, our golf courses can provide the food, cover, water, and space that wildlife requires for survival. Golf courses are a tremendous environmental asset to their communities, and a place where education about the environment may even take place.

- The care of water quality on our golf course, according to Mr. Leuzinger, is most integral to our conservation efforts. Water is the basic staple of sustenance for all of

nature, and the foundation of the food chain.

- Mr. Leuzinger advocates the use of native plant material. Wildlife is best adapted to forage and find cover from predators where native plant material is present, especially where corridors are set aside with adequate room to range from one section of the golf course to another.





















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