

**Audubon Cooperative
Sanctuary Program
criteria categories**

Environmental planning

Public Involvement

Wildlife Cover Enhancement

Wildlife Food Enhancement

Integrated Pest Management

Water Conservation

Water Enhancement

ACSP, Part 1 . . .

Nature's guardians

This is the first in a series of articles about the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, which we refer to as ACSP.

These articles are intended as teaching and educational sources to help those golf courses signed up for the program to successfully complete the program criteria and become certified. They are the result of a cooperative effort of the FGCSA and the USGA Florida office in Hobe Sound.

To become certified, participating courses must complete programs in seven different categories:

- Environmental planning
- Public Involvement
- Wildlife Cover Enhancement
- Wildlife Food Enhancement
- Integrated Pest Management
- Water Conservation
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We presently have more than 100 golf courses in the state signed up but only a small fraction of them have complete the program.

This series is an excellent avenue to help those attempting to become certified to overcome hurdles presently in their way.

"Public Involvement," the category covered by the first article, is probably the most difficult to complete. We think you will find the information very useful. Future issues of *The Florida Green* will contain articles on the other categories.

We encourage our industry affiliates to send in positive information. Anyone wishing to contribute helpful ideas on any of these categories should send that information to FGCSA headquarters or to the USGA office in Hobe Sound.

Enjoy!

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Sign announces a no-hunt area as part of wildlife protection program at Gateway GC in Fort Myers is part of a "public involvement" project.

*Have the public
become involved
and enjoy it!*

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Many participants in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary program for Golf Courses look upon public involvement with mixed feelings.

On the one hand, they are desperate for golfers to support their management efforts and for the public to know that they are not dumping chemicals and wantonly destroying the environment. On the other, they are reluctant to approach members to invite their input, and worried about losing their status as a private club by involving "the public."

"Public Involvement" was not meant to be a road block. Rather, its intent is to help superintendents get the recognition