NESTING HOUSES IN THE GREENSCAPE: DO'S AND DON'TS FOR A NEST BOX TRAIL Steve Allen Kalamazoo Nature Center Kalamazoo, Michigan

Environmental activities on golf courses and green spaces are becoming very popular. The placement of nesting boxes is an easy, visible and cost effective way for ground managers to participate in these activities. If not done with accurate current knowledge, care, and the proper equipment, any nest box trail can quickly become a liability and very possibly a death trap to the very birds the houses are for.

This session will detail available nest box styles, habitat requirements, placement, and predator protection methods to ensure a successful trail. Monitoring and record keeping details, along with environmental educational opportunities are parts of a complete trail-monitoring program.

Slides of likely nest box occupants and suggestions for the next step in species habitat enhancement activities will be presented.