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Summerville Recognized as a Climate-Resilient and Bird-Friendly Municipality

SUMMERVILLE, S.C. (May 12, 2017) – Audubon South Carolina (ASC) has recognized the Town of Summerville as a climate-resilient and bird-friendly municipality. ACS’s new recognition program celebrates schools, businesses, communities and municipalities for their stewardship and commitment to the environment. Summerville is the first municipality in South Carolina to be awarded this designation.

ACS cited that one of the Town’s unique qualifications for the program included its Green Infrastructure Plan, which seeks to develop strategies to conserve or restore Summerville’s natural assets. The plan focuses on planting native species, protecting water quality, promoting habitat restoration and encouraging nature-based recreation and education. “They are an ideal example of a town that takes extra steps in securing the cultural and natural importance of the environment for future generations,” stated Heather VanTassel, PhD, Program Manager for Sustainable Solutions at Audubon South Carolina.

“The Town is thrilled by this designation, especially since it was one of the goals included in our Green Infrastructure Plan. Being recognized as a climate-resilient and bird-friendly municipality allows us to expand upon our existing relationship with Audubon South Carolina and helps us continue our efforts to preserve, promote, and restore the Town’s natural assets,” said Jessi Shuler, Director of Planning.

During the qualification process it was also noted that the Town continually makes extra efforts to connect its residents and visitors to nature. The Town of Summerville is home to B.I.R.D.S., a major public art initiative created by the Audubon Center at Francis Beidler Forest, Sculpture in the South and Summerville D.R.E.A.M., that celebrates Summerville’s native bird species, its vibrant and historic downtown area, and Summerville’s growing reputation as a cultural arts destination.

For more information about the Climate-Resilient and Bird-Friendly designation, please visit <http://www.summervillesc.gov/audubondesignation>.

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