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### **Rivermead Golf Club Recognized for Environmental Excellence**

GATINEAU, QUEBEC (February 23, 2012) – The Rivermead Golf Club golf course has achieved designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, an Audubon International program. Derrick Powers, Course Superintendent, led the effort to obtain sanctuary status on this course and is being recognized for Environmental Stewardship by Audubon International. Rivermead Golf Club is the 12<sup>th</sup> course in Quebec and the 968<sup>th</sup> in the world to receive the honor.

"Rivermead Golf Club has shown a strong commitment to its environmental program. They are to be commended for their efforts to provide a sanctuary for wildlife on the golf course property," said Jim Sluiter, Staff Ecologist for the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Programs.

"To reach certification, a course must demonstrate that they are maintaining a high degree of environmental quality in a number of areas," explained Sluiter. These categories include: Environmental Planning, Wildlife & Habitat Management, Outreach and Education, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation, and Water Quality Management.

Derrick Powers, Rivermead's Course Superintendent, said, "My team and I are extremely proud to count ourselves among such a prestigious group of golf courses. We have been committed for many years to the protection of the environment and of wildlife habitats. Rivermead is located in an important watershed of the Ottawa River and we take very seriously our role in protecting this critical environment."

Bruno Bonneville, president of Rivermead, stated, "Together with all members and the Board of Directors of our club, I congratulate Derrick and his team on their achievement. Rivermead Golf Club is committed to the principles of Audubon International and always strives to be a worthy steward of the land and for our golf course to be among the finest in the world."

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, endorsed by the United States Golf Association, provides information and guidance to help golf courses preserve and enhance wildlife habitat, and protect natural resources. Golf courses from the United States, Africa, Australia, Canada, Central America, Europe, and Southeast Asia have also achieved certification in the program.

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