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The Landings at Skidaway Island Earns Sustainable Planning Award from Audubon International

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA – The Landings at Skidaway Island has earned the Sustainable Planning Award from Audubon International. The award is an important milestone in Audubon International’s Sustainable Communities Program and recognizes a community’s successful completion of Stage 2: defining and adopting a long-term community vision and choosing sustainability indicators as a mechanism for fostering action and measuring success.

Landings Association Board President Jim Rich said the Board is extremely proud of the work of Skidaway Audubon and all the stakeholders who worked together to achieve this milestone.

“We thank Skidaway Audubon and their entire team for their commitment to sustainability in The Landings,” Rich said. “Adopting a long-term community vision and formulating a strategic plan to measure success is a huge undertaking for a community of our size. Thanks to the efforts of Sustainable Skidaway, we are well on our way to achieving national recognition as a sustainable community. The Board fully supports the work of Skidaway Audubon as we realize that protecting the resources of our beautiful island is paramount to future generations having the opportunity to enjoy The Landings lifestyle.”

Since joining the program four years ago, The Landings has brought together the efforts of residents, local and regional organizations, businesses, and the community management. These partners have addressed priority projects under 15 focus areas such as health and resource use. Within each focus area, goals such as food sourcing and waste reduction have yielded action items that were formally adopted. The Landings, with help from all the partners, has begun to implement the action items listed in the adopted long-range sustainability plan.

Some projects areas include:

- Installing interpretive signage at historic and natural sites
- Installing pocket parks with native plants
- Establishing a recycling task force
- Encouraging green building practices through updated guidelines
- Minimizing light pollution in recreation areas

“The Landings has made tremendous strides in prioritizing community challenges, harnessing the power of partnerships, and compiling a strategic sustainability plan with reachable goals that will have a real and positive effect on the community and its residents,” says Jessica Latus, Director of Sustainable Community Programs at Audubon International. “The Landings should be rightfully proud of earning this well-deserved award.”

The Landings will now move forward into Stage 3 of the Sustainable Communities Program, during which the community will implement additional projects listed in the action plan and report progress to begin tracking the results of its plan.

About Audubon International

Audubon International is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) environmental education organization dedicated to providing people with the education and assistance they need to practice responsible management of land, water, wildlife, and other natural resources. To meet this mission, the organization provides training, services, and a set of award-winning environmental education and certification programs for individuals, organizations, properties, new developments, and entire communities. Through the Sustainable Communities and Green Neighborhoods Programs, Audubon International works to help community leaders and stakeholders embrace environmental stewardship and sustainability as a central element of planning, policies, and practices. For more information, contact Audubon International at (518) 767-9051 or visit the website at www.auduboninternational.org.

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