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Dr. Noble Hendrix  
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Dear Dr. Hendrix:

I am writing on behalf of Audubon International to indicate our organization's support for the "Colorado Golf Carbon Project" to be led by Tony Koski of Colorado State University and Joe McCleary of the Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents. Under the description of the project, the following goals are itemized:

- to ascertain the carbon sequestered and released from all sources per year at Colorado's golf facilities,
- to publish the results in a high quality peer-reviewed journal, and
- to use the documented sequestered carbon to create marketable offsets as a self sustaining funding mechanism for this and future projects to improve conservation and environmental stewardship at Colorado's golf facilities.

Audubon International is a nonprofit environmental education organization dedicated to fostering more sustainable communities by providing people with the tools and information they need to make a difference. For over twenty years Audubon International has been working specifically in the golf sector to help facilitate this broader mission. Specifically, through our *Golf & the Environment Initiative* we are assisting golf courses in becoming a valuable part of our conservation landscape, while building support for more eco-friendly golf throughout the golf industry.

The "Colorado Golf Carbon Project" fits well with our desire to promote best practices, drive change, and offer new solutions to the golf sector. We also look to inspire these golf courses to take verifiable voluntary environmental actions through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses as a result of the project's goal, "to improve conservation and environmental stewardship at Colorado's golf facilities." This will lead to more sustainable natural resource management on golf courses across Colorado—clearly where our goals naturally meet.

Audubon International supports the intentions and planned outcomes from this project. I look forward to hearing how this project progresses over time and the role Audubon International might play in this work.

Yours truly,

Kevin A. Fletcher, Ph.D.  
Executive Director