

AUDUBON INTERNATIONAL



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Walter W. Driver, President
United States Golf Association
77 Liberty Corner Road
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Dear Mr. Driver:

As you know, Audubon International has been a partner with the United States Golf Association for nearly 20 years in an effort to assist golf courses to become more fully engaged in environmental stewardship activities. Toward that end, the USGA has sponsored the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses since its inception, and because of that support, the program continues to be credible, successful, and effective in broadening the environmental consciousness of those who manage golf courses.

In addition, the USGA's commitment is further demonstrated by the activities of the Turfgrass and Environmental Research Committee of which I have been a member for many years. While I have learned much more than I have contributed to the Committee, over the years of my participation, I have continued to be impressed by the commitment of the USGA and the Committee members to participate in thoughtful innovative research activities that are mindful of environment concerns. Several years ago, the USGA Research Committee created the Wildlife Links Research Program, and I sit on that committee as well. It is clear to me that the USGA has organizationally and financially demonstrated its long-term commitment to environmental issues relative to the golf course industry.

On a broader scale, it is now clear that the global climate is changing. This change may be part of a natural cycle, but one that is, at least in part, accelerated by various human activities. The debate continues regarding the extent to which humans are contributing to the climate change. Nevertheless, all of us need to become more efficient in the ways that we use resources, as well as our contribution to the efforts to solve or at least slow climate change. Again, the USGA is poised to be in the forefront of the golf industry in addressing this critical environmental issue.

I encourage the USGA to become fully engaged in a program that utilizes the turfgrass of the golf course industry as a contributor toward carbon sequestration. We know, based on scientific research, that turfgrass systems sequester carbon. We also know, through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program, that golf course managers want to participate in environmental stewardship activities.

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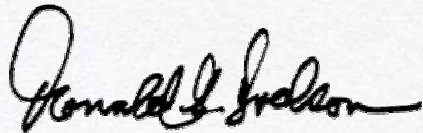


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Through the project proposed by Hendix and Crispin, we have the opportunity to proactively engage in a creative way to address climate change. Audubon International and I look forward to the opportunity to be an active partner in this effort.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald G. Dodson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'R'.

Ronald G. Dodson
President

cc: United States Golf Association Executive Committee
Pat McKinney
Steve Smyers
Jim Snow
Robert Hoopes