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Town Attains Wildlife Habitat Certification

For the eighth year, the Town of Vienna has earned the distinction of being certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). The honor is presented to communities that take exceptional action to preserve, enhance, restore, and connect wildlife habitat while also communicating the importance of habitat stewardship to the public.

To be certified each year, communities must accumulate at least 30 points through a variety of activities. Points can be earned by having property owners in Town certify their yards with the NWF as providing food, water, shelter, and places to raise young and by conducting qualified community activities. Multiple property owners received certifications this year, and the Town of Vienna earned points by passing its Tree Preservation Ordinance, running a booth at the Vienna Green Expo to educate residents about the program and the importance of backyard habitats to local bird and pollinator populations, removing invasive species, planting native trees on Town properties, and having a program team member on the Town's Conservation and Sustainability Commission (CSC) among other activities.

The Town of Vienna was initially certified as an NWF Community Wildlife Habitat in 2016, which ties in with the Town's strategic plan goal of being an environmentally sustainable community. The mission of the NWF is to unite all Americans to ensure wildlife thrive in a rapidly changing world.

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