

Bird City Wisconsin
Renewal Application

For **Sustained Flight Award** complete Basic Requirements section

For **High Flyer Award** complete Basic ***and*** High Flyer sections

As Planning Director of the village/city/town/county of La Crosse, Wisconsin,
(Title: mayor, or other leading official)

I herewith make application to renew this community's designation as a Bird City Wisconsin, having again achieved the criteria set forth by the Bird City organization. Our community has met at least 7 of the 22 criteria below, including 3 from Category 1 and 1 from each of the other four categories.

Basic Requirements

(Please check all that apply and provide appropriate documentation. This application needs to be submitted in both paper and electronic form, including any additional narrative. Bird City encourages communities to strive to improve their conservation practices and achievements each year and will call attention to those efforts on its web site. However, if a community is meeting a criteria in the same manner as in the previous year, it need only explain that in the narrative without attaching full documentation. If a community is meeting an "Other" item under any category, please include a narrative and any other supplemental information.)

Category 1: Creation and Protection of Habitat

- A. Demonstrate with an attachment that your community is in compliance with Wisconsin's "Smart Growth" law for land use planning and resource management.
- B. Attach bird monitoring results and/or other data obtained from researchers or local volunteers in the local park system.
- C. Attach ordinance or other evidence that existing bird habitat has legal protection.
- D. Document that current community planning seeks to provide additional bird habitat.
- E. Attach a copy of local ordinance to demonstrate that the community does not restrict "wild" or natural lawns and landscaping.
- F. Show how the community offers the public information on control and removal of invasive species.
- G. Attach a state publication showing that the community contains a segment of the Great Wisconsin Birding and Nature Trail or a designated Important Bird Area.
- H. Demonstrate through public documents or publicity that the local Chamber of Commerce (or a similar group) takes an active role in the planning process for protecting and enlarging favorable bird habitat.
- I. OTHER: Demonstrate in an attached narrative.

Category 2: Participation in Programs Promoting Effective Community Forest Management

- A. Enclose a copy of the "Tree City, USA" award if your community participates in this program.
- B. OTHER: Demonstrate in an attached narrative.

Category 3: Limiting or Removing Hazards to Birds

- A. Attach evidence or provide community web link if your community has an educational program to control free-roaming cats and/or actively publicizes the "Cats Indoors!" program.
- B. Demonstrate that your community provides property owners with information on how to protect birds from window-strikes.
- C. OTHER: Demonstrate in an attached narrative.

Category 4: Public Education

- A. Demonstrate that schools in your community participate in Flying WILD, helping ensure that the nation's students are knowledgeable about the conservation needs of migratory and other birds.
- B. Attach newsletter or web links to show how your community provides information to property owners on methods to create and enhance backyard habitat for birds.
- C. Provide web links your community offers to other organizations with information on backyard habitat programs.
- D. Demonstrate that your community is represented in at least one bird monitoring program such as the Christmas Bird Count, Great Backyard Bird Count, or Swift Night Out.
- E. Demonstrate that your community sponsors an annual bird festival.
- F. Illustrate a program that involves schools, garden clubs, or other organizations in bird conservation activities.
- G. OTHER: Demonstrate in an attached narrative.

Category 5: Community celebration of International Migratory Bird Day

- Attach a copy of both your community's officially enacted resolution recognizing IMBD and documentation of this past year's local IMBD celebration.

High Flyer Requirements

In addition to meeting Bird City Wisconsin's Basic Requirements, our community seeks to strengthen its commitment to urban bird conservation. We herewith make application for the High Flyer Award, having also met at least 5 of the following 17 criteria from at least 2 different categories.

Category 1: Creation and Protection of Habitat

- A. Show how and where the community has restored at least two acres of woodlands, wetlands or prairie.
- B. Demonstrate how the community offers material assistance to property owners in removing invasive shrubs from woodlands.
- C. Demonstrate or document a similar program for helping control other types of invasives.
- D. Document a program to support the establishment of "natural lawns."
- E. Demonstrate the implementation of a program to preserve Chimney Swift roosting sites and/or to construct alternative Chimney Swift towers.
- F. Document the establishment of a program to promote the conservation of Purple Martins through research, state of the art management techniques and public education.
- G. Show how the community facilitates Scouting and conservation groups in such projects as establishing Bluebird Trails and erecting Wood Duck nesting boxes.
- H. Demonstrate how a public golf course is managed to benefit birds.
- I. Document the fact that the community maintains a birding trail or "hot spot" location with educational signage and/or literature.

Category 2: Participation in Programs Promoting Effective Community Forest Management

- Document an ongoing community program to incorporate native hardwood trees and native shrubs in public landscaping (for cities that do not choose to meet Tree City criteria).

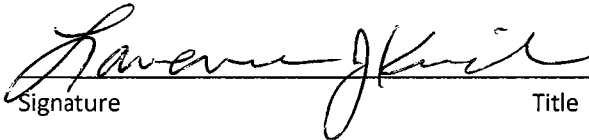
Category 3: Limiting or Removing Hazards to Birds

- A. Document laws or regulations in place to eliminate feral cat populations.
- B. Demonstrate that the community enforces a law or regulation that requires domestic cats to be kept indoors or in an enclosure that prevents them from preying on native birds.

- C. Show how the community regulates construction and siting of communication towers to mitigate their risk to migrating birds.
- D. Document that the community operates a "Lights out for Birds" program to dim the lights of tall buildings to reduce collisions and save birds' lives during spring and fall migration.
- E. Show how the community supports a bird collision monitoring program and/or offers information and material for preventing window collisions in homes and commercial establishments.
- F. Document that the community has registered as a bird-safe community on the Wisconsin Humane Society/Wildlife Rehabilitation Center website: <http://www.wihumane.org/wildlife/wings/birdsafebuildings.aspx>

Category 4: Public Education

- Demonstrate that the community is active in raising awareness of its bird assets. Examples include placing a remote web camera on a nesting platform, offering field trips to observe threatened or endangered birds, or creating a significant educational resource on the community's bird life.


Director of Planning & Development
 Signature _____ Title _____ Date 1-10-13

Please update your contact information for the parks, forestry, environmental, or other community official who is the best follow-up contact to deal with questions regarding this application:

Name: Lewis Kuhlman Title: Associate Planner

Address: 400 La Crosse Street City, Zip: La Crosse, WI 54601

Phone Number: (608) 789-7361 E-mail: kuhlmanl@cityoflacrosse.org

Conservation projects benefit from strong partnerships. Please identify any community partners you are working with and a contact person (and phone number or e-mail) with that group:

<u>Outdoor Recreation Association</u>	<u>Marvin Wanders, (608) 782-7368</u>
<u>Coulee Region Audubon Society</u>	<u>Dan Jackson, (608) 483-2271</u>
<u>Wisconsin DNR</u>	<u>Craig Thompson, (608) 785-1277</u>

Mail a completed hard copy application with narrative and requested documentation to:
Carl Schwartz, Project Coordinator, Bird City Wisconsin, 1111 E. Brown Deer Rd., Bayside, WI 53217
 Email the electronic format to cschwartz3@wi.rr.com

Note: Bird City's recognition year runs from April 1 to March 31. All 51 communities that were recognized prior to April 1, 2012, need to file their renewal application by **Jan. 15, 2013**, enclosing the requested documentation and a nonrefundable application fee of \$100 in a check made payable to Milwaukee Audubon Society/Bird City Wisconsin.

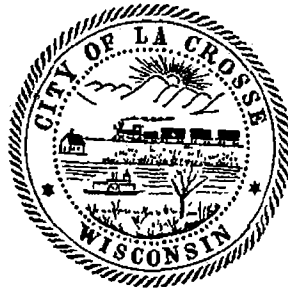
When **Sustained Flight Award** status is approved, these items will be provided to celebrate that recognition:

- Decals for Bird City street signs to mark the number of years the community has been recognized;
- An updated insert for the Bird City Wisconsin recognition plaque;
- A prominent announcement on the BirdCityWisconsin.org web site;
- An updated page devoted to the community on the BirdCityWisconsin.org web site;
- An electronic Bird City Wisconsin logo/emblem that can be used on appropriate municipal web sites and printed materials, as well as the web sites of partner organizations and local businesses.

When a community is certified for the **High Flyer Award**, Bird City will issue special emblems for the community's street signs as well as an updated insert for the community's recognition plaque noting its High Flyer status.

Bird City Wisconsin Application Narrative and Exhibits

City of La Crosse, Wisconsin



January 10, 2013

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Introduction

Members of the Bird City Organization:

The City of La Crosse, Wisconsin would like to renew its recognition as one of Wisconsin's Bird Cities. This packet includes the Renewal Application, Narrative, and Exhibits demonstrating how the City meets Bird City Wisconsin's criteria for the Sustained Flight Award.

Citizen encouragement led to the City's involvement with Bird City Wisconsin in 2012. The Planning Department concluded that Bird City recognition would be a great way to foster conservation and awareness for the many species of birds found in the area. La Crosse had already met a number of the requirements needed to become a Bird City. The remaining requirements were not difficult to achieve given the City's commitment to its natural resources and collaboration with local conservation organizations. The City Planning Department will soon be working toward meeting the High Flyer Award requirements for 2014.

Any questions about the application, exhibits, or other information presented should be addressed to Larry Kirch, Director of Planning and Development, at (608) 789-7512.

Narrative

Category 1: Creation and Protection of Habitat

A. Wisconsin's "Smart Growth" law for land use planning and resource management requires all Cities, Villages, and Towns to prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan.¹ This plan serves as the basis for all land use decisions and must have at least nine elements with background information, objectives, policies, and goals, programs.² The City of La Crosse's Comprehensive Plan includes the required nine elements and five additional elements further illustrating its dedication to smart growth. **Exhibit 1** contains a screen shot and link of the City's webpage describing La Crosse's compliance with Wisconsin's "Smart Growth" Law.

C. Lower Pool 7 and Upper Pool 8 of the Upper Mississippi Wildlife and Fish Refuge are existing bird habitat with legal protection. Their boundaries are located along the La Crosse portion of the Mississippi River and include several areas within La Crosse's city limits. **Exhibit 2** provides a link to the Upper Mississippi Wildlife and Fish Refuge's website. Screen shots of U.S Fish & Wildlife Service maps for Lower Pool 8 and Upper Pool 7 demonstrate La Crosse's proximity to the Refuge.

Additionally, La Crosse's Municipal Code contains regulations for a Conservancy District in Zoning, Section 15.18. This district is established to preserve open space land and water areas for plant and animal habitat among other purposes. Development is very limited in the Conservancy District.

¹ s. 66.1001, Wis. Stats.

² <http://www.cityoflacrosse.org/index.aspx?NID=285>

G. Several of La Crosse's parks and trails have Great Wisconsin Bird and Nature Trails (GWBNT) designation. The GWBNT website gives a brief description of what the parks and trails have to offer. A link to and screenshot of GWBNT's website is provided to establish credibility in *Exhibit 3*.

H. The Mississippi Valley Conservancy (MVC) has taken an active role in the planning process for protecting and enlarging favorable bird habitat. Since 2002, it has partnered with the City of La Crosse to preserve local bluff land through the La Crosse Bluffland Protection Project. "The program provides scenic preservation to ensure that beauty of the landscape is not destroyed by poorly-planned development, as well as protecting rare natural communities like bluff prairies and providing a marvelous outdoor recreational resource."³ *Exhibit 4*'s link and screen shot from the MVC website gives a brief narrative of the project. There is also a link on the MVC website to a fact sheet on the La Crosse Bluffland Protection Project.

Category 2: Participation in Programs Promoting Effective Community Forest Management

A. La Crosse has held a Tree City, USA Award for over twenty years. The area has a long standing tradition of promoting effective and responsible land use that preserves trees. This point can be demonstrated by the volume of natural habitat for local wildlife that surrounds the city. *Exhibit 5* contains a link and screenshot of the Arbor Day Foundation's website showing that La Crosse is a Tree City.

Category 3: Limiting or Removing Hazards to Birds

A. The City's Current Leash Ordinance shows La Crosse's efforts to control free-roaming cats. The City is working to better educate and enforce this ordinance. A copy of the City's leash law is attached as *Exhibit 6*.

Category 4: Public Education

D. La Crosse is represented in both the Great Backyard Bird Count and the Christmas Bird Count. *Exhibits 7 & 8* are screenshots from the Christmas Bird Count and the Great American Bird Count, respectively. The links connect to the Christmas Bird Count page and the Great Backyard Bird Count page, where it is necessary to do a manual search for La Crosse.

Category 5: Community Celebration of International Migratory Bird Day

See *Exhibits 9 & 10*.

³ <http://www.mississippivalleyconservancy.org/LandConservation/NaturePreserves/LaCrosseBlufflandsProperties.aspx>

Exhibits

Exhibit 1. Comprehensive Plan

(<http://www.cityoflacrosse.org/index.aspx?NID=285>)

Comprehensive Plan

What is the Comprehensive Plan?

The La Crosse Common Council had directed the Planning Department to prepare a new community-wide plan for land development, parks, roads, utilities, environmental protection and other matters of community concern. The previous La Crosse plan, prepared in 1977, was long overdue for an update.

The plan was prepared over an 18 month period with guidance from a Citizen Advisory Committee appointed by the Common Council. There were several public meetings and workshops to provide citizens an opportunity to review preliminary drafts and offer their ideas. These meetings were advertised in the *La Crosse Tribune*, on the local cable access channels, and on the City's web site.

The City also had hired a consultant, BRW, now URS, to coordinate and work with the City Departments to write the elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

Wisconsin Law

The 1999-2001 Wisconsin Biennial budget included legislation requiring all Cities, Villages, and Towns to adopt comprehensive plans by 2010. Under the Comprehensive Planning and "Smart Growth" legislation all jurisdictions will prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan with at least nine elements. Beginning on January 1, 2010, any community that makes land-use decisions is required to base those decisions on its adopted comprehensive plan. Each element of the plan will include background information, objectives, policies and goals, programs, and a portrayal of what those aspects of the community are planned to look like when the target year arrives (2020 for the La Crosse Comprehensive Plan). The nine required elements are:

1. Issues and Opportunities
2. Housing
3. Transportation
4. Utilities and Community Facilities
5. Agriculture, Natural and Cultural Resources
6. Economic Development
7. Land Use
8. Intergovernmental Coordination
9. Implementation

The La Crosse Comprehensive Plan consists of the fourteen elements listed below, which include the nine required by the Wisconsin Comprehensive Planning:

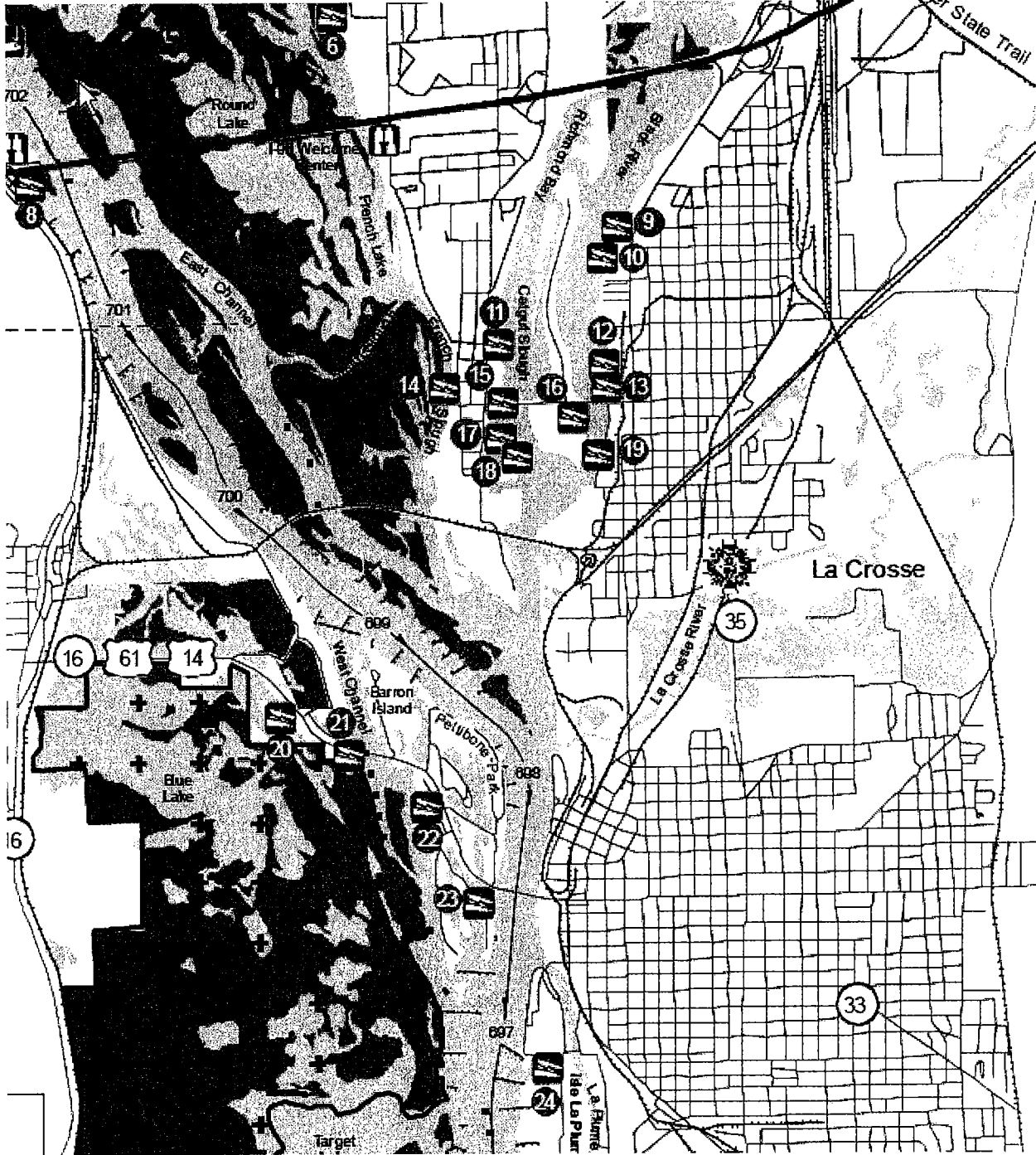
1. Issues and Opportunities
2. Land Use
3. Transportation (Ports, Transit, Bike-Ped, Highways/streets, Passenger Rail, Airports)
4. Housing
5. Parks, Recreation and Open Space
6. Natural Resources
7. Public Facilities (Sanitary Sewer, Water Supply, Storm Water, Libraries, Fire)
8. Economic Development
9. Historic Preservation
10. Urban Design
11. Neighborhoods
12. Schools
13. Intergovernmental Cooperation
14. Implementation (Monitoring, Capital Improvements)



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Exhibit 2. Upper Pool 8 Map

(http://www.fws.gov/midwest/uppermississippi/river/Documents/upperpool8.pdf)



* Green indicates refuge land

Exhibit 3. Great Wisconsin Birding & Nature Trails in Hixon Forest

(<http://www.wisconsinbirds.org/trail/sites/hixonforest.htm>)



Great Wisconsin Birding & Nature Trail



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Myrick Hixon EcoPark, La Crosse River Marsh, Riverside Park, and Myrick Park

The best birding in La Crosse is found in this group of city parks that collectively offer more than 800 acres. Hiking trails access bluffs, wetlands, woodlands and native prairies. Hike to the top of Grandad Bluff, the city's signature overlook with exceptional views of the Mississippi River. You can even observe wildlife from floating observation platforms in the marsh. The Myrick Hixon EcoPark is an area hub for maps, educational displays, and naturalist programs. The five mile-long River to Bluff Trail runs from the bluffs of Hixon Forest to Riverside Park on the Mississippi River. The trail cuts through the La Crosse River Marsh. It's a great way to see this secluded area. Birds vary with the habitat and include terns, Great Egrets and Virginia Rails in the wetlands, Pileated Woodpeckers and thrushes in the woodlands.

Directions: The Myrick Hixon EcoPark is located at 2702 Quarry Road.

Gazetteer: Page 40, B-1 (prior to 10th edition). | Page 74, B-2 (10th edition).

Phone: 608/784-0303.

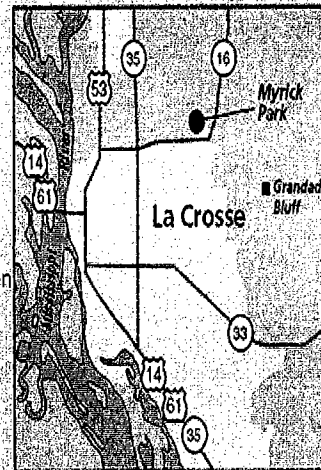
Web site: [Myrick Hixon EcoPark](#) | [La Crosse River Marsh](#) | [Riverside Park](#) | [Myrick Park](#)

Signature Species: Yellow-throated Vireo, Great Egret and Lincoln Sparrow.

Seasonality: Properties open dawn to dusk all year; Nature Center open Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat-Sun 1-4 pm.

Parking: Parking lots at each property.

Nearest food & lodging: La Crosse.



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Exhibit 4. La Crosse Blufflands Project

(<http://www.mississippivalleyconservancy.org/LandConservation/NaturePreserves/LaCrosseBlufflandsProperties.aspx>)

Mississippi Valley CONSERVANCY

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Nature Preserves

La Crosse Blufflands Project

Mississippi Valley Conservancy has a unique and visionary partnership with the City of La Crosse in the form of the La Crosse Bluffland Protection Program. From 2002 to 2009, the city budgeted money, each year which MVC uses to acquire properties within the eight-mile stretch of Mississippi River bluffs overlooking the city. Funding from the city is leveraged with grants from Wisconsin's Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund.

The program provides scenic preservation to ensure that the beauty of the landscape is not destroyed by poorly-planned development, as well as protecting rare natural communities like bluff prairies and providing a marvelous outdoor recreational resource.

Through this program, MVC and the city carries on the proud tradition of land conservation in the Coulee Region pioneered by Ellen Hixon and other citizens in the early 1900s who purchased Grandad Bluff and Hixon Forest and donated these gems to the city for all residents to enjoy. Through these ongoing efforts, MVC and the city work to enhance the quality of life of all local residents and visitors.

Nearly a thousand acres have been protected by MVC in addition to the hundreds of acres of Hixon Forest and Grandad Bluff. The largest individual tract is the Medary Quarry property at 453 acres. Miller Bluff and Cliffwood Bluff may be the most scenic parts protected, with their large, sheer rock faces.

Several parcels have been donated to MVC, including land from Barbara and Don Frank, and various parts of Cliffwood Bluff from La Crosse Floral Company, and Jay Hoeschler, along with a conservation easement from the Terry Baier family.

MVC leads many guided hikes through the La Crosse Blufflands. We also frequently take school and college groups on the bluffs for hands-on environmental learning and ecological restoration work.

As a result of the La Crosse Bluffland Protection Program, the City of La Crosse was recognized as "Policymaker of the Year" by Gathering Waters Conservancy in Madison in 2005.

La Crosse Bluffland Protection Program Fact Sheet
 La Crosse Bluffland Protection Program - Financial Report
 Map of La Crosse Blufflands North

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Exhibit 5. La Crosse’s Tree City USA Designation

(<http://www.arborday.org/programs/treeCityUSA/map.cfm>)

2011 Tree City USA Communities

Updated May, 2012

Tree Cities in Wisconsin: 183

<u>City:</u>	<u>Years:</u>	<u>Population:</u>
La Crosse	23	51180
Lake Geneva	17	7651
Lake Mills	20	5389
Little Chute	18	10454
Lodi	17	3053
Madison	23	233209
Manitowish	29	34500
Maple Bluff	10	1354
Marinette	20	11588
Marion	11	1250
Marshfield	30	19541
Mayville	10	5240
McFarland	3	7800
Medford	23	4318
Menasha	29	17640
Menomonie Falls	12	34450
Menomonie	22	16098
Mequon	18	23810
Merrill	28	9581
Middleton	18	17555
Milwaukee	33	594833
Mineral Point	7	2817
Monona	22	7533

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Exhibit 6. City Ordinance: 20.22 Animal Control-Regulations and Licenses

(<http://www.cityoflacrosse.org/index.aspx?NID=1991>)

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any cattle, horses, mules, donkeys, sheep, goats, swine or fowl, to allow or permit the same to enter the City or to run at large within the City limits of La Crosse.

(X) DOGS AND CATS AT LARGE.

All dogs and cats shall be kept under restraint. No person shall permit his dog or cat to run at large in the City. Each owner of any such animal shall confine the same within the limits of his premises. For the purposes of this section, the phrase "running at large" embraces all other places within the City except the owner's premises. This includes all streets, alleys, sidewalks, or other public or private property which may be about the owner's premises.

(Y) RESTRAINT OF DOGS AND CATS.

Any person owning or having charge, custody, care or control of any dog or cat shall keep such animal exclusively upon his own premises, which shall include his automobile, either by personal and direct supervision, such as voice command of such person physically present, or by keeping such animal upon an appropriate chain or tie no less than six (6) feet in length or in enclosed yard, either walled or fenced, or in any other appropriate restraining enclosure. However, public access to one entrance of the owner's house must be provided without interference from such animal. Also, however, that such dog or cat may be off such premises if it be restrained by an appropriate leash or chain not exceeding six (6) feet in length, and in the hands of said person indirectly controlling the movement of such animal, and provided that such lease or chain be in the hands of a person of sufficient strength to physically control such animal.

(Z) PROHIBITED AREAS FOR ANIMALS.

Any person owning, keeping or in charge of any animal shall not permit such animal to be in any park, on any school grounds, except for school-sponsored and authorized purposes, beaches or cemeteries in the City of La Crosse at any time. The provisions of this section shall not apply to seeing-eye dogs used and accompanied by a blind person.

Exhibit 7. La Crosse's Audubon Bird Count

(http://cbc.audubon.org/cbccurrent/current_table.htm)



[Christmas Bird Count](#) | [Support CBC](#) | [Historical Results](#) | [Current Year Results](#)

Results: Count Data by Count Circle
Count Year: 111

Counts completed: 2,215
Total birds reported: 61,359,451

Below you will find data for the CBC count circle and time period you selected. If you have selected a long time range, your table will probably be larger than your computer screen width, and you may have to scroll to the right. Information about the weather, number of participants and other count particulars is found in a separate table at the bottom of this page. Species are presented in taxonomic order. Data includes raw count numbers, numbers per party hour, and any "flags" added to point out special information about a given record.

Flags included with species are:

- HC—Unusually High Count
- LC—Unusually Low Count
- US—Unusual Species
- CW—Reported in the area during Count Week, but not reported during the count.



Weather & Effort



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Historical Results

La Crosse [WILC]

Wisconsin Region
43.8167°, -91.25°

Christmas Bird Count
Count Year: 111

[Jump to Weather & Effort](#)


Select Another Year: 111 (2010-1)


Species	Number	Number / Party Hr.	Flags	Editorial Codes
<u>Canada Goose</u> (<i>Branta canadensis</i>)	3	0.0246	LC	
<u>Mallard</u> (<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>)	150	1.232	LC	
<u>Bufflehead</u> (<i>Bucephala albeola</i>)	1	0.0082		
<u>Common Merganser</u> (<i>Mergus merganser</i>)	1	0.0082		
<u>Ring-necked Pheasant</u> (<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>)	1	0.0082		
<u>Wild Turkey</u> (<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>)	150	1.232		
<u>Bald Eagle</u> (<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>)	101	0.8296		
<u>Sharp-shinned Hawk</u> (<i>Accipiter striatus</i>)	2	0.0164		
<u>Cooper's Hawk</u> (<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>)	8	0.0657	HC	
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk</u> (<i>Buteo lineatus</i>)	1	0.0082		
<u>Red-tailed Hawk</u> (<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>)	62	0.5082		
<u>Rough-legged Hawk</u> (<i>Buteo lagopus</i>)	8	0.0657		
<u>Golden Eagle</u> (<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>)	1	0.0082	US	
<u>American Kestrel</u>	7	0.0576		


Exhibit 8. La Crosse's Great Backyard Bird Count

(<http://gbbc.birdsource.org/gbbcApps/report?cmd=showReport&reportName=CitySummary&city=LA%20CROSSE&state=US-WI&year=2011>)


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2012 Results: La Crosse, Wisconsin

This town report includes all data submitted to the town *and* to all postal codes associated with the town.

Other years: [1998](#) [1999](#) [2000](#) [2001](#) [2002](#) [2003](#) [2004](#) [2005](#) [2006](#) [2007](#) [2008](#) [2009](#) [2010](#) [2011](#) [2012](#)

<u>Species [taxonomic] ▲</u> <u>[alphabetic]</u>	<u>Number of Birds</u>	<u>Number of Checklists</u> <u>Reporting the Species</u>
Wild Turkey	7	1
Northern Harrier	2	1
Cooper's Hawk	1	1
Bald Eagle	33	4
Red-tailed Hawk	18	7
Rock Pigeon	8	4
Mourning Dove	59	17
Red-bellied Woodpecker	15	12
Downy Woodpecker	40	18
Hairy Woodpecker	12	8
Pileated Woodpecker	3	2
Blue Jay	44	14
American Crow	52	13
Black-capped Chickadee	102	31
Tufted Titmouse	19	11
White-breasted Nuthatch	24	17
American Robin	2	1
European Starling	26	8
Cedar Waxwing	11	1
American Tree Sparrow	21	3
Dark-eyed Junco	85	21
Northern Cardinal	142	26
Common Grackle	5	1
Purple Finch	15	5
House Finch	54	17
Pine Siskin	34	10
American Goldfinch	127	20
House Sparrow	164	24
Total	1,125	

A total of 28 species were reported.

[See a summary for Wisconsin.](#)

This report was updated 01-Jan-2013 09:05 ET.

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**Exhibit 9. International Migratory Bird Day Press Release
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

To: All Media Outlets
From: Eco Park, La Crosse, WI
Stephanie Hanna, Eco Park (608)784-0303
Dan Jackson, Coulee Region Audubon Society (608)483-2271
Pat Heglund, US Fish and Wildlife Service (608)781-6338
Jennifer Herner-Thogmartin, United States Geological Survey (608)781-6338
Randy Hines, United States Geological Survey (608)781-6398

Re: International Migratory Bird Day Celebration at the Eco Park on May 5th, 2012; 6am-1pm

International Migratory Bird Day Celebration

(-La Crosse, WI) The Eco Park, Coulee Region Audubon Society, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and US Geological Survey are hosting an International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) celebration at the Eco Park on May 5th, 2012 from 6 am to 1 pm. This entirely free event includes a sunrise birding hike, bird banding, family-friendly bird-watching walks, live raptor presentation, and bird-themed crafts and games. People are encouraged to register for the bird hikes at the Eco Park prior to the event. All ages, abilities, and families are welcomed to participate in all activities.

This day brings awareness to over 350 migratory bird species, including many that depend on preservation efforts for their survival. The 20th anniversary theme for International Migratory Bird Day, “Connecting People to Bird Conservation”, was chosen to focus on 20 ways people may help to preserve birds every day. IMBD is the largest-known conservation and education event of its kind in the Western Hemisphere with over 500 events now being hosted from South America to Canada. The partnering sponsors have been instrumental in migratory bird protection, monitoring, and habitat conservation while educating communities about how they can participate.

Event Details

What: International Migratory Bird Day Celebration
When: May 5th, 2012; 6am-1pm
Where: At the Eco Park, 789 Myrick Park Dr., La Crosse, WI
How: Free tickets available at the Eco Park

For more information about IMBD at the Eco Park in La Crosse, visit www.mhecopark.org or call (608)784-0303.

For information on the Coulee Region Audubon Society, visit www.couleeaudubon.org.

For information on the US Fish and Wildlife Service, visit www.fws.gov.

For information on the US Geological Survey, visit www.usgs.gov.

For more information about IMBD celebrations around the world, visit www.birdday.org.

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Exhibit 10: Officially Enacted Resolution Recognizing IMBD

COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of La Crosse:

Your Judiciary and Administrative Committee having under consideration the annexed resolution endorsing the City of La Crosse as a "Bird City" and to support the annual International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) at Myrick Hixon Eco park, recommends the same be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JUN 09 2011

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Typed: 6-1-11

Approved:

J&A Vote: Unanimous

Richard Becker, Chairman
Andrea Richmond, Vice Chair
Douglas Farmer
Francis Formanek
Bob Seaquist

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED
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BY COUNCIL

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