

NCC CERTIFICATION STATUS REPORT and PROJECT INITIATIVES

CERTIFICATION CATEGORIES

Environmental Planning	Approved and Certified
Wildlife and Habitat Management	- IN-PROCESS
Chemical Use Reduction and Safety	Approved and Certified
Water Conservation	Approved and Certified
Water Quality Management	- IN-PROCESS
Outreach and Education	- IN-PROCESS

1. Environmental Planning - **Approved and Certified**

An initial site assessment of the Niakwa Country Club course has informed an environmental management plan with goals and priorities for addressing the key certification categories. Staff training, project teams and communication strategies have been initiated followed by an annual review.

2. Wildlife and Habitat Management - **IN-PROCESS**

Proper wildlife management, naturalization of 50% of minimally-used property, allowing dead trees to safely stand, installing bat and blue bird boxes

PLANNED PROJECTS:

- Identify core habitats on the property.
- Create and maintain an inventory of at least birds and mammals.
- Naturalize 50% of out-of-play shorelines.
- Inoculate trees for Dutch Elm disease.

3. Chemical Use Reduction and Safety - *Approved and Certified*

NCC's comprehensive Integrated Pest Management and Best Management Program was commended as it is one of the most important ways to ensure a healthy environment for people and wildlife. Continued emphasis on cultural practices such as divot repair along with a scouting program for pests is encouraged.

4. Water Conservation - *Approved and Certified*

One of the greatest concerns facing golf courses, NCC's planned projects ensure water conservation in addition to regular monitoring of the irrigation system.

- Completed an irrigation audit.
- Possible irrigation system replacement as greens are rebuilt.
- Invest in a weather station.
- Switching turf grass on areas that would be more appropriate.

5. Water Quality Management - *IN-PROCESS*

Many best management practices noted near all water bodies. Baseline data and ongoing testing recommended.

PLANNED PROJECTS:

- Increase the buffer for environmentally sensitive management techniques around water bodies from 10 feet to 25 feet.
- Send out water quality testing from Seine River and NCC pond at the beginning and end of every season.

6. Outreach and Education - *IN-PROCESS*

Sustainability of conservation and wildlife management initiatives depends on the awareness and engagement of community members including staff, members and the community at large in the shared stewardship role.

PLANNED PROJECTS:

- Form a Resource Advisory Group
- Connect Save our Seine River Environment Inc. to align goals, share priorities, resources and shared initiatives
- Develop a communication strategy to promote the Nature of Niakwa for members and the community at large.
- Develop a website to promote NCC project initiatives, link ACSP resources and community partnerships.
- Develop a database for members to post sightings

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[A Guide to Environmental Stewardship on the Golf Course](#)

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