



STAFF REPORT

Resolution: R-41-24

Title: Bird Day Maryland

Date: 07-03-2024

This resolution is for the purpose of maintaining the the City of Annapolis' designation as a Bird City Maryland community.

This resolution is for the purpose of adopting, honoring, and upholding the commitments to the goals of the Bird City Maryland program. The Bird City Maryland program will assist Annapolis to promote the understanding that healthy communities are the sum of many parts, including bird populations. The program will also assist the City of Annapolis to make our area friendlier for birds and will help us improve the health and beauty of the City of Annapolis. By maintaining our participation with Bird City Maryland, the City of Annapolis will present the positive image that its residents desire for the place where they live, recreate, and conduct business.

There are several reasons to become a Bird City:

1. **Community Pride:** Build community spirit, foster new public-private sector partnerships, improve the health and beauty of the City of Annapolis, and make your community a nicer place to live.
2. **Environmental Sustainability Certification:** The Bird City designation for the City of Annapolis closely mirrors the City's sustainability requirements for Sustainable Maryland, Tree City USA, Wildlife Community NWF, and Bee City USA and will help the City promote environmental and ecological improvement to our urban environment.
3. **Environmental Reputation:** Promote and grow the City of Annapolis' environmental reputation by participating in a state-wide conservation program and by displaying our beautiful Bird City Maryland signs.
4. **Save Money:** Birds assist with pest control and keeping natural systems in balance.
5. **Make Money:** The birding industry helps to generate jobs and tax revenue as part of the tourism industry.

6. **Ecosystem Health:** Sustain healthy natural ecosystems by helping to maximize the number of native and individual species populations including birds and the other species that use the same habitats.
7. **Understand Nature:** Birds teach us about the interconnectedness of humans and nature and how vulnerable wildlife can be to human actions.
8. **Improve Environment:** Managing green space to benefit birds not only creates better habitat for birds but also improves conditions for a host of other species, including people.

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