

RESOLUTION NO. 2009- 84

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION SEEKING FUNDING ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE TOGETHER GREEN CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM.**

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the TogetherGreen Conservation Leadership program was formed through an alliance between Toyota and Audubon and allows local governments to make application to receive \$10,000 per applicant to put towards a Conservation Action Project within their community; and

**WHEREAS**, the deadline for the County submitting the application is April 15, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has reviewed the completed Grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, after a review of the Grant application, the County has determined that nothing contained in the Grant application negatively impacts the interests of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, after a review of the Grant application and accompanying materials, the County has determined that none of the requirements, restrictions, and/or obligations associated with award of the Grant, or the Grant itself, negatively impact the interests of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, after a review of the completed Grant application and accompanying materials, the County has determined that a grant award from the TogetherGreen Conservation Leadership Program to put towards a Conservation Action Project serves the overall interests of the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida that:**

**Section 1.** The above Recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution, and such Recitals are adopted as Findings of Fact.

**Section 2.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to submit a completed application based on the approved guidelines for grant submittal (attached hereto, and incorporated herein), on behalf of the St. Johns County Environmental Division for a grant from TogetherGreen to be put towards a Conservation Action Project of recipient's choice within St. Johns County.

**Section 3.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to execute any other paperwork necessary, and/or associated with the

application for the TogetherGreen Conservation Leadership Program.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**



By: Cyndi Stevenson  
Cyndi Stevenson, Chair

**ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK**

By: Pam Halterman  
Deputy Clerk

**RENDITION DATE** 4/9/09

# TogetherGreen

CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM 2009



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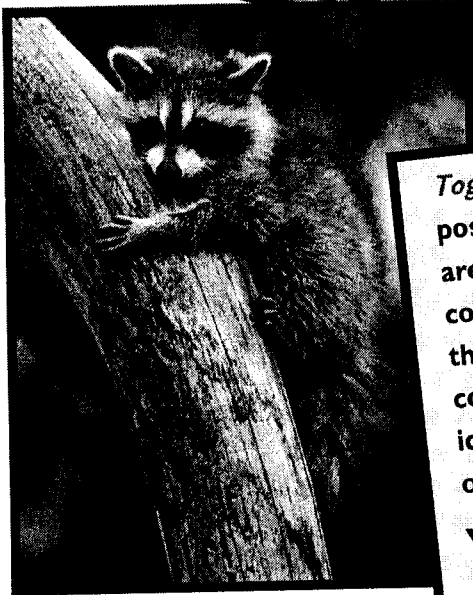
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# WHAT IS THE **TogetherGreen** CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM?



The *TogetherGreen* Conservation Leadership Program invests in both proven and promising leaders who are committed to empowering others and to creating positive environmental change in their communities and organizations. In 2009, up to 40 Fellows will be selected to participate in this 18-month program. Approximately half of the Fellows will be selected from the National Audubon network (certified Chapters, state and national programs, and Center programs) as well as independent Audubon entities that wish to participate in a cooperative arrangement with National Audubon Society for this purpose. The other half will be individuals from organizations outside of Audubon.

## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

We are looking for leaders who want to learn across disciplines and work with others to achieve results and engage new audiences in conservation. *TogetherGreen* Fellows should have strong leadership skills, an interest in designing and completing a Conservation Action Project, and a shared passion for learning, achieving results, and empowering others. *TogetherGreen* Fellows will come from a variety of backgrounds, including the arts, education, communication, policy, science, research, and business.

## WHAT IS *TogetherGreen*?

*TogetherGreen* is a National Audubon Society program made possible by generous support from Toyota. The goals of *TogetherGreen* are to build conservation leadership, engage millions of people in conservation action, and achieve lasting conservation results. Over the next five years, *TogetherGreen* will implement a series of national conservation initiatives that support these goals and promote the idea that everyone has a critical role to play in finding solutions to our most pressing environmental challenges.

Visit [www.TogetherGreen.org](http://www.TogetherGreen.org) for more information.

# WHAT ARE THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

*TogetherGreen* Fellows will have a number of opportunities to learn throughout the program. The Fellowship begins August 2009 and ends December 2010. Fellows will attend the *TogetherGreen* Conservation Leadership Institute August 16-21, 2009, at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Although the exact nature of the week-long session will be determined by assessing the interests and needs of the selected Fellows, we envision sessions focused on leadership training, conservation planning, evaluation, innovative technology, and strategic communication. The training will also highlight new thinking on how to effectively link conservation science and social strategies to build a stronger conservation constituency and to deliver sustainable conservation results.

In the summer of 2010, Fellows will return for a three-day Leadership Retreat for additional training and to share Conservation Action Project experiences. In addition, Fellows will be able to use up to 25 percent of their grant to get additional training in areas that they feel they most need to be a successful leader. We will also hold periodic Web-Ex training during the 18-month Fellowship program on specific topics identified during the week-long training course.

**"The diversity of people and ideas at the Conservation Leadership Institute was nothing short of amazing – the most diverse conservation assembly I have ever attended. Diversity of age, ethnicity, regions of the country, kinds of conservation projects, backgrounds, etc. made the gathering unique and very special. The common bond of caring about conservation and about people was all the more evident because of that great diversity."**

**— Mike Burger, Director of Conservation Education, Conservation Leadership Institute**

## BENEFITS OF BEING A TOGETHERGREEN FELLOW:

- Professional development opportunities focused on leadership, innovation, communication, conservation planning, and outreach to diverse audiences
- Financial support to attend the 5-day *TogetherGreen* Conservation Leadership Institute and a 2-3-day follow-up Leadership Retreat, including costs for travel and lodging
- A grant for \$10,000 to your organization to help support a creative Conservation Action Project and support additional training
- Networking opportunities to meet and collaborate with other *TogetherGreen* Fellows, experts in diverse fields, and Audubon leaders
- Opportunities to secure additional funding through the *TogetherGreen* Innovation Grants Program
- Opportunities for public recognition through media and Web promotion



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## WHO CAN APPLY AND WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?



We're looking for a mix of rising stars and mid-career and seasoned professionals to increase learning and sharing across backgrounds, experiences, and age groups. You are eligible to apply if you have at least six years of professional experience in environmental conservation issues, demonstrated through current and past work experience and/or volunteer activities.

You must also have a current affiliation (full- or part-time employment or equivalent volunteer commitment) with a conservation organization, or a business, university, community-based organization, or other professional organization whose goals and practices are making a positive contribution to conservation.

The *TogetherGreen* Conservation Leadership Program is designed to complement an individual's full-time job or volunteer work, rather than serve as a full-time fellowship.



## HOW DO I APPLY?

All applicants must fill out an on-line application, submit two letters of recommendation, and upload a current copy of their resume. More information and application instructions can be found on our website: [www.togethergreen.org/fellows](http://www.togethergreen.org/fellows).

**THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 15, 2009**

If you have questions, please e-mail us at [Fellows@TogetherGreen.org](mailto:Fellows@TogetherGreen.org) or call Anne Ferguson, (202) 861-2242 ext. 3046.

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**"The *TogetherGreen* Fellowship is significant in that it allows me to focus my time and talents on an issue that is heartfelt and personal to me. By serving both people and wildlife, I hope to elicit outcomes that help strengthen the human-nature bond and move us to a conservation ethic in the best tradition of Aldo Leopold."**

