

Community Name: Dripping Springs

Code	Abridged Description	Action	
		2020	2021
R1	Form a collaborative body that supports Bird City Texas application	2	2
R2	Enact a resolution and conducts event for World Migratory Bird Day	1	2
R3	At least 1 highly visible bird friendly demonstration landscape**	2	2
R4	Enhance tourism and/or Chamber of Commerce website with birding information	3	3
R5	Actively promote American Bird Conservancy's <i>Cats Indoors</i> program	1	1
R6	Education/outreach about dark sky lighting solutions and reducing bird collisions with buildings	2	2
R7	Education/outreach about reducing bird collisions with buildings	3	3
R8	Promote use of native plants and National Audubon Society's <i>Plants for Birds</i> program**	1	1
R9	Promote the importance of controlling invasive species (plant & animal)	1	1
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	Category 1: Community Engagement (5 required)	2020	2021
1a	Participates in at least one community science program annually**	2	2
1e	Create bird watching amenities in public parks	3	1
1f	Host at least one native plant sale with high emphasis on native plants (at least 75% native plants available).**	2	2
1j	Quarterly column/outreach/social media outreach centered on native birds	2	2
1n	Educate the public about the responsibilities and best practices of providing food and water for birds vs natural habitat	2	2
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	Category 2: Habitat Enhancement and Protection (8 required)	2020	2021
2b	Acquire and conserve land for birds, wildlife, and native plant communities†	1	1

2c	Modify and improve existing habitat for birds, wildlife, and native plant communities**	2	1
2e	Incentivize local habitat enhancement/restoration programs**	3	2
2f	Implement wetland habitat restorations or installations rather than stream channelization***†	2	0
2g	Preserve dead trees in parks/natural areas to provide foraging and nesting habitat	2	2
2j	Implement an active invasive plant species removal program on public lands	3	3
2p	Manage natural areas to encourage wildlife habitat, including “No Mow” areas for native plants	2	2
2s	Conduct inventory of city lands to document plant and animal species and assesses habitat quality	1	2
	Abridged Description	Action	Co
	Category 3: Creating Safer Spaces for Birds (4 required)	2020	2021
3c	Participate in National Lights Out Program	3	3
3d	Educational campaign on the impacts of pesticides and herbicides on birds	1	1
3e	Implement strategies to minimize use of pesticides and herbicides on city-managed property	1	1
3h	Reduce light pollution	3	2
	Meets requirements for certification in each of the 4 years?		
	Recommended for certification?		

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2022	2023	
2	2	Nice group with a variety of expertise. It would perhaps be helpful to add have a city adviser (ie TPWD advisor or biologist). Good that you are meeting monthly throughout the certification period.
2	2	Good plan with the Festival of Flight and good metrics.
2	2	One garden planted and another on the way.
3	3	Destination Dripping Springs has an awesome birding web page and you are keeping track of page views and updating the info.
1	1	National Cat week--good place to talk about Cats Indoors program. Good that you will be following up with more posts. This program has limited reach and could be followed up with more actions beyond just one week. This is definitely an area where you could add more programs and brainstorm more ideas.
2	2	Great work with your dark sky efforts! More emphasis should be placed on impact on birds.
3	3	Good combination of WBU and DDS efforts, harnessing social media and the metrics show the plan is working. Please keep up the good work and see if you can find other ways to bring this issue to the attention of your citizens.
1	1	We appreciate your work but we feel that this requirement was not met as well as it could have been. Would like to see more promotion in social media. What is an "intoxicating native plants area"? The plantings that are occurring look good and we would like to see specific plans for future years. Also, Ragweed is a native plant, great for caterpillars, and should not be seen as a weed to be removed.
1	1	Focusing on removing invasives but also need them to go through the process of promoting the importance of doing so. "Bio-blitz" to remove invasives in Ranch Park --we would like to hear HOW this is being done. Good that then work will be maintained. Signs will be added. This is a great start.
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2022	2023	
2	2	Good that DS is participating in the October Big Day in eBird and with COVID restrictions, it's understandable that turnout was low. How can you expand the number of people who participate in this yearly event?
1	1	Good that bird feeders were installed and binoculars acquired for the first year. The description for the following years is vague--other than maintaining bird feeders--is too brief to judge. The avian observation looks great!
2	2	Good job selling all those trees and involving the Master Gardners. How they are advertising this event is unclear.
2	2	Birds & Blooms!
2	2	Nice series of videos! Maybe also make pdf brochures.
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2022	2023	
1	1	Taking on the 300 acres and finding the resources to survey and maintain it are an important and arduous task. It's great that DS is doing this.

1	1	Great that the 33 trees were planted and will be maintained. We need more details about future years.
2	2	Working in conjunction with the NWF. Micro-gardens are very important and can be a huge help to birds and pollinators. Please also include names of plants being promoted for backyard use.
0	0	It's great that the wetlands were constructed and seeded with native plants. It would be good to address how this will be maintained over the course of the following years.
2	2	Excellent work and description. We would like to see more about the training aspect of this point.
3	3	Fantastic work and great description of the continuing efforts in the different parks.
2	2	Good description of current and future work.
2	2	Began with bio-blitz in Charro Park and will be expanding yearly to achieve a full assessment of the number of species. We would like to see more information on how they will use this information
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2022	2023	
3	3	City proclamation and pledge; engagement will be tracked during migration period. DS is a certified Dark Skies city.
1	1	Periodic information (disrupted by COVID) to educate public on treating invasives. Master Gardners in charge. We encourage DS to consider how else the public be educated to the problems of herbicides and pesticides for birds.
1	1	IPM tools to be used in parks. It would help to include more descriptions of how IPM will be implemented. This is where a science-oriented person on the committee would be helpful.
2	2	Lighting ordinance approved by City Council. Following standards set forth by the International Dark Sky community.
		No abstract, no budget, no letter from mayor or city advisers. Overall, application did not appear to be checked/edited before being sent in. We strongly recommend adding a person with scientific background, ie TPWD person, to give perspective and add expertise to the application. We do not advise certification.

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~~Community has not completed work relevant to this criteria, or the work described does not meet the work done is relevant to the criteria and contributes towards the goal of the criteria, but not with the appropriate intensity/impact to meet the criteria, or at the expected intensity given the expected resources of the community. The application may be missing important elements/information about the project, or the community has conducted the work described. Work done meets the requirements and intent of the criteria. Accomplishment intensity is appropriate given the expected resources and size of the community. Accomplishments contribute meaningfully to conservation and significantly and positively impacts wild/native bird populations or community engagement. Documentation provided thoroughly explains the amount of work done and the impacts that were achieved. Community measured impacts work done is exceptional and will have significant, meaningful impact on community engagement or native bird populations/habitat. Documentation was sufficient to explain the work done and the impacts achieved. Impact of the work is obvious and long term. Metrics were collected and compared to project goals to determine project success/impact.~~

accomplishments

~~Proposed work is not relevant to the criteria or is not expected to result in a meaningful conservation~~
~~Proposed work is relevant to the criteria and contributes towards the goal of the criteria, but not with the appropriate intensity/impact to meet the criteria, or at the expected intensity given the expected resources of the community. Application materials may have incomplete or missing evaluative metrics or other required elements. Applicant may be missing commitments, resources, or partners needed to satisfy the criteria, or the proposed scope of the work is too large to accomplish in the timeframe proposed. Application may not provide enough detail to communicate to the review committee that the community will be able to meet the future commitment.~~
~~Proposed work meets the requirements and intent of the criteria. Accomplishments are likely to have a conservation-based impact. Accomplishments are appropriate given the expected resources and size of the community. Accomplishments contribute meaningfully to conservation and significantly and positively impacts wild/native bird populations or community engagement. Proposal includes all application elements required by the BCT Program, including meaningful evaluative metrics that would allow the community to measure the success and impact of the activity.~~
~~Proposed work exceeds expectations and will have significant, meaningful impact on community engagement or native bird populations/habitat. The community has garnered appropriate resources and/or partners to ensure the success of the project. The proposed work goes "above and beyond" the minimum needed to satisfy the criteria. Proposal includes meaningful evaluative metrics that focus on producing highly beneficial conservation outcomes. Community may have employed adaptive management strategies to systematically review accomplishments and compare them to project goals.~~