

RESOLUTION 2025-051
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SUPPORTING THE CITY'S RENEWAL AS A CERTIFIED BIRD
CITY

A. Fort Collins was recognized as a Bird City in 2022 as part of City Council's priority to "Help Bird Species Recover."

B. Migratory songbirds are celebrated as symbolic harbingers of spring and play an important role in our community by controlling insect pests, pollinating plants and dispersing seeds.

C. Migratory birds and their habitats are declining, facing a growing number of threats on their migration routes and in both their summer and winter homes.

D. The Fort Collins community has invested in creating and maintaining habitats through a network of conserved natural areas and parks that provide critical habitats for birds.

E. Community members who are enthusiastic about birds, informed about the threats faced, and knowledgeable about ways to help can directly contribute to helping bird species recover.

F. Lighting can impact migration and the City of Fort Collins is already working to preserve dark skies through best practices in outdoor lighting, model lighting codes, and night sky monitoring.

G. Since 1993, World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) has become a vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel between nesting habitats in our communities and throughout North America and their wintering grounds.

H. The City has celebrated WMBD with free public activities each May since 2022, and a community celebration of WMBD is a call to action and a required element of the Bird City certification application.

I. The City's natural areas, parks, and environmental services departments, and Gardens on Spring Creek in partnership with Audubon Rockies, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, and Fort Collins Bird Alliance will submit an updated renewal application for Bird City certification by July 1, 2025.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. The City Council strongly supports the celebration of World Migratory Bird Day in 2025 and each year in the future.

Section 2. The City Council strongly supports the Fort Collins community's application to renew as a certified Bird City.

Section 3. The City Council strongly supports night sky protection efforts for both wildlife and people.

Passed and adopted on May 6, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: May 6, 2025
Approving Attorney: April Silva