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ATLANTA AUDUBON ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR HABITAT RESTORATION FUND

(Atlanta, Ga.) July 10, 2018 – Atlanta Audubon Society is now accepting proposals for bird-friendly improvements to one eligible project through the Atlanta Audubon Habitat Restoration Fund. Modeled after other habitat restoration projects, the Habitat Restoration Fund invites community groups, friends groups, municipalities, and other property managers to apply for this competitive opportunity to receive consulting and services to restore critical habitat. This can include removal of invasive, exotic plant species, installation of bird-friendly native plants, garden/habitat design services, bird monitoring, and community programs. The application deadline for the 2020 award period is September 2, 2019.

For 2019, two project sites were chosen: Henderson Park in Tucker and Candler Park in Atlanta. One project for 2020 will be chosen by committee and announced in late October.

"Atlanta Audubon and its partners play an important role in creating bird resiliency in the Southeast," says Nikki Belmonte, Atlanta Audubon Executive Director. "The Habitat Restoration Fund aims to increase high-quality habitat for birds while also increasing community partnerships and educational outreach. Through our collaborative conservation and engagement programs, we are building places where birds and people thrive."

The Habitat Restoration Grant is funded through a generous gift to Atlanta Audubon from an anonymous donor honoring Doug Downing,

Applications must be received by September 2, 2019 to be considered. To learn more about requirements or to download an application, please visit our website at <u>www.atlantaaudubon.org/habitat-restoration-fund</u>.

Atlanta Audubon Society building places where birds and people thrive. We create bird-friendly communities through conservation, education, and advocacy.

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