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Dear Deborah:

Congratulations on your impressive Water Project! Water is a shared resource that interconnects the environment, economy and quality of life in South Florida. The entire region depends on water for everyday consumption, commerce, recreation and overall economic vitality. Many of the natural treasures also rely on clean water --the beaches, native wildlife, marine life, sea grasses, mangroves and plants. Rapid and unsustainable development has seriously eroded the quality and the quantity of precious water supplies. From Lake Okeechobee out to the Gulf, making the right decisions about how to manage water quality and resources impacts lives on a daily basis. As Florida's population increases, so does the need for communities to examine and address water quality issues. Shadow Wood residents are demonstrating their contribution and commitment to better water quality in Southwest Florida. We are excited that Shadow Wood is one of our Audubon International members.

We are also excited about the great photos and documentation submitted. Your efforts in Water Quality are very good, and it was a pleasure to review the materials you sent. The fact sheets that you generated from researching effective and low cost solutions for algae in surface waters will not only help to address water quality and educate residents, but also serve as a reliable and informative case study for similar communities in the region. There are several AI members who will gain an education from your project.

Enclosed is your Audubon Project Award, which recognizes Shadow Wood as having completed a project in the following category: Water. The award is our way to recognize your neighborhood community for their efforts and say thank you for caring about environmental education. You mentioned sending in more project reports which will make you eligible for the Neighborhood for Nature Award.

We especially appreciate you taking the time to participate in Green Neighborhoods, and note your dedication to the process. We look forward to your continued success as an Audubon International Green Neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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Audubon Project Award

Green Neighborhoods 2011

Presented to:

Shadow Wood Community Association

to foster environmental awareness and good stewardship. In recognition of outstanding efforts

Water Quality Project

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