



## News From Village of Chenequa

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### **Bird City Wisconsin Names Chenequa Among Nation's First "Bird Cities"**

The Village of Chenequa, WI was recognized by the Bird City Wisconsin project as one of 15 communities in the state that have made a commitment to making themselves better places for birds and other wildlife. The Bird City Wisconsin partnership is affiliated with the national Audubon, the Milwaukee Audubon Society, and several other Wisconsin environmental and conservation organizations.

The Bird City designation is in its inaugural year, and is modeled on the "Tree City USA" program sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation. Bird City Wisconsin developed 22 criteria across five categories, including habitat creation and protection, community forest management, limiting hazards, public education, and recognizing International Migratory Bird Day. By amply meeting the established criteria, Chenequa became one of the nation's first "Bird City" designees.

Chenequa's successful effort to secure this prestigious designation was led by Trustee Jo Ann F. Villavicencio, with the unanimous approval and enthusiastic support of the village's Board of Trustees, along with the Village Administrator Robert Douglas and village staff.

"Recognition as a Bird City will be a feather in the cap of any Wisconsin community," said Andrew Struck, president of the Milwaukee Audubon Society. "This unique program is not only recognizing existing efforts but is building partnerships among local governments, community groups and conservation groups that will spur other cities, counties, towns and villages to adopt the best practices we will spotlight," added Struck, who also is director of the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department.

For more information on "Bird City Wisconsin", visit their website: [www.birdcitywisconsin.org](http://www.birdcitywisconsin.org)