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Annapolis earns first Bird City Maryland "*High Flyer*" designation

Recognition ceremony at Annapolis Green Drinks "Birds and Bees" event

ANNAPOLIS, MD, February 14, 2020 – Bird City Maryland is excited to announce the City of Annapolis has earned Bird City Maryland status. The designation is a recognition of Annapolis's success in enhancing the city's environment for birds and educating the public about the interactions between birds and people and about the contributions birds make to a healthy community. In addition, Annapolis is the first Bird City Maryland to achieve "High Flyer" status, which requires completion of criteria above and beyond regular Bird City criteria.

The official recognition ceremony will take place at a special Annapolis Green Drinks on February 19, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, at the Graduate Annapolis Hotel, 126 West Street in Annapolis. The theme of this Green Drinks is "The Birds & the Bees" in recognition not only of the new Bird City designation, but also the city's 27 years as a Bee City. The hotel is preparing surprises for the event including a special "The Birds & the Bees" green cocktail!

"We are very excited to earn Bird City Maryland certification, and especially proud to become Maryland's first "High Flyer" Bird City! The City of Annapolis strives for achievements like Bird City and Bee City because they bring our people together, build community pride, and make our city a healthier and more beautiful place to live and work," said Mayor Gavin Buckley.

Bird City Maryland is a program of the *Maryland Bird Conservation Partnership* that helps build sustainable communities and connect people with nature. The goal of Bird City Maryland is to make communities healthier for birds and for people.

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