



# VILLAGE OF PLOVER

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## **Bird City Wisconsin – 2022 Recognition** Village of Plover a “High Flyer” Community

**BACKGROUND:** Each year, through *Bird City Wisconsin*, municipalities across the State have the opportunity to demonstrate they have implemented and are engaged in efforts and strategies to provide better habitat and environments for birds in their area. To be recognized as a Bird City, a community must meet criteria spread across six categories: habitat creation and protection, community forest management, limiting threats to birds, public education, energy and sustainability, and the official recognition and celebration of World Migratory Bird Day. Those municipalities who are recognized as *Bird City* communities have demonstrated they value birds and the benefits they bring to the local ecosystem(s). For 2022, there were 96 registered and recognized communities of *Bird City Wisconsin*, 32 of which are recognized as “High Flyers”. The “High Flyer” designation is only given to those communities that go above and beyond, to exemplify what it means to be bird friendly. For more information related to Bird City Wisconsin please visit their website at <https://birdcitywisconsin.org/>.

**PLOVER:** On September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the Village of Plover was again recognized as a *Bird City* community (10+ years). Additionally, this year Plover has reached the status of “High Flyer” due to the previous and continued efforts it and its volunteers have engaged in to make the Village more bird friendly. Through ongoing conservation efforts, active engagement, and volunteer participation, the community was able to reach this status. The Village would like to thank all the volunteers and community members that have assisted with bird counts and other educational activities, especially Kent Hall. Mr. Hall has continuously and generously provided his time, expertise, and data related to birds and their activities/habitat. Without volunteers like Kent Hall, the Village’s status of “High Flyer” would not be possible.

“Plover is very excited about the high flyer designation this year. This is a step up from our previous *Bird City* awards, which is a testament to the community’s focus on conservation, natural resources education, and civic engagement.” notes The Village Natural Resources/Recreation Planner, Dominique Swangstu. “The high flyer designation will help Village staff and its partners apply for grants which will further education and conservation efforts that will best protect and promote bird friendly habitat(s).”

If you have any questions regarding the Village of Plover and its “High Flyer” Bird City designation/award or would like to get involved, please contact the Community Development Department at (715) 345-5250.



Bird City Wisconsin  
recognizes the

*Village of Plover*

for implementing sound practices and fostering  
public education on important bird conservation issues

**HIGH FLYER**  
**2012 - 2022**

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Charles Hegner, Director