

Weston and Stevens Point receive conservation awards

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A grove of pine trees.

UNDATED, Wis. (WSAU) – Weston and Stevens Point are both being honored this week with conservation awards from state organizations.

Weston has joined five other cities in signing the Legacy Communities Green Tier Charter. Village administrator Dean Zuleger says the group is being honored as holding high standards for both environmental practices, and especially working towards good watershed conservation. "Our sustainability practices have been to protect those wetlands and woodlands in a way to

allow them to act as the natural filter that they should." The five communities are Weston, Appleton, Bayfield, Fitchburg, & Middleton.

Stevens Point will be the first statewide recipient of the Bird City USA award. The certification is an offshoot of the longstanding Tree City USA program. Program coordinator Kent Hall says the city had to meet a number of standards to get that award. "It looks at 22 factors, and Stevens Point had 8 of those." Kent says the city's work on the McDill Pond project as well as their work at encouraging keeping cats indoors helped secure the award. The city will get their official certification this morning at the Portage County Library in Stevens Point at 9:30 am.