

## Tri-C Selects Suntrol for Bird Conservation

Westshore Campus Installs Feather Friendly® Near Wetland

CLEVELAND, OHIO, USA, June 28, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As an advocate for environmental stewardship, Cuyahoga Community College® (Tri-C) has selected Suntrol to provide birdstrike mitigation for its Westshore Campus.

"When I started at Westshore, the issue of bird strikes was one of the first things brought to my attention," said Scott Latiolais, Ed.D., President of Westshore Campus. "Everyone wanted to find a solution."

Westshore Campus was built next to a wetland, and the windows on the north side of the building inadvertently posed a threat to wildlife. Birds mistook the reflection of the tree canopy in the windows as habitat, and collision-related bird deaths were alarming.



"The Audubon Society estimates that about one billion birds are killed each year due to collisions with glass, making glass collision the second leading cause of bird deaths annually," said Suntrol's owner, John Hansen. "Two thirds of North American bird species are facing extinction, and we applaud Tri-C for taking action to address this important conservation issue."

Tri-C turned to Suntrol to treat the vast amount of glass near the wetland and outdoor laboratory with <u>Feather Friendly</u><sup>®</sup> Bird Deterrent Technology. Professionally installed to the exterior of the glass, these proven deterrent markers make the glass visible to birds yet are unobtrusive to the human eye.

"Since Suntrol installed Feather Friendly, the bird-strike deaths in the treated areas have been eliminated," said Erica Stevenson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biology at Westshore Campus. "This is exciting and significant, especially as we near the end of bird migration season."

"Birds are very important to healthy ecosystems, and Westshore is doing its part to help eliminate the danger to bird populations resulting from glass collision," said Mathew Werner,



Westshore Campus student and member of the Environmental Club. "Since the deterrent markers were installed, bird death and injury near the wetland have been eliminated, making us better allies to these beautiful animals and the wetland ecosystem as a whole."

"I have witnessed a remarkable transformation in the variety of bird species this year, and I think this can be attributed to the installation of bird-strike mitigation," added Maria Perez, Westshore Campus student and member of the Environmental Club.

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