



RECLAIMING THE NIGHT

A PHOTO EXHIBITION ON LIGHT POLLUTION AND
COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS



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ANTELOPE, OREGON

THE INTERNATIONAL
DARK SKY COMMUNITY,
ANTELOPE, OREGON,
HAS ADOPTED
REVOLUTIONARY
SOLUTIONS, FROM NEW
OUTDOOR LIGHTING TO
A SKY QUALITY DATA
LOGGER, ULTIMATELY
ALLOWING IT TO
ACHIEVE
CERTIFICATION IN



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BLANCO, TEXAS

DESCRIBED AS BEING
“LOCATED ON THE EDGE OF
DARKNESS,” THE CITY OF
BLANCO IN BLANCO COUNTY,
TEXAS, IS A PRIME EXAMPLE
OF THE EFFECTS OF
CONSERVATION EFFORTS.
ALONG WITH NUMEROUS
NEIGHBORING CITIES, THE
CITY OF BLANCO IS A
CERTIFIED INTERNATIONAL
DARK SKY COMMUNITY AS OF
2022.

BISBEE, ARIZONA

HISTORICALLY KNOWN AS A MINING TOWN, BISBEE, ARIZONA, ESTABLISHED “BISBEE DARK SKY” IN 2018, ALLOWING FOR RENOVATIONS IN MUNICIPAL AND RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING AND SEVERAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS. ULTIMATELY EARNING IT IT’S TITLE AS AN INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY COMMUNITY IN 2024.



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BORREGO SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA



HAVING BEEN DESIGNATED A DARK SKY COMMUNITY OVER 16 YEARS AGO, BORREGO SPRINGS IN CALIFORNIA, HAS GONE THROUGH GREAT EFFORTS TO BE PROTECTED FROM URBAN LIGHTS. ULTIMATELY PROMOTING CONSERVATION THROUGH ASTRONOMY EVENTS.

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GOWER NATIONAL LANDSCAPE, WALES

UTILIZING MONITORING INITIATIVES SUCH AS LOCAL LIGHTING RETROFITTING AND NATIONAL DARK SKY MAPPING, GOWER NATIONAL LANDSCAPE IN SOUTH WALES, UK, IS KNOWN FOR IT'S COMMITMENT TO DARK SKYS AS EARLY AS 2017.



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NIUE

EVEN THE MICROSTATE OF NIUE HAS PROVEN ITSELF TO BE “SMALL BUT MIGHTY” THROUGH ITS PEOPLE’S NAVIGATION SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE NIGHT SKY. THIS HAS ULTIMATELY ALLOWED NIUE TO BE OF THE FIRST COUNTRY TO EVER BE A CERTIFIED DARK SKY PLACE.

BIG PARK/ VILLAGE OF OAK CREEK, ARIZONA



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IN THE SMALL VILLAGE
OF OAT CREAK,
ARIZONA, WE CAN SEE
THE STRENGTH OF
ADVOCACY AS CITY
APPLICANTS MANAGED
TO CHALLENGE
CONTROLLING
LEGISLATION IN THE
LOCAL JURISDICTION,
RESULTING TO IT'S
DESIGNATION IN 201

BLUFF, UTAH

RICH WITH INDIGENOUS CULTURE, BLUFF PRIORITIZES COMMUNITY THROUGH THEIR ANNUAL STAR PARTY AT BLUFF ELEMENARY WHERE THEY FEATURE DARK SKY CONSERVATION TALKS AND CONSTELLATION TOURS AMONGST OTHER ACTIVITIES. THIS BEING A FAIRLY RECENT MOVEMENT, BLUFF WAS DESIGNATED AN INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY COMMUNITY JUST THIS YEAR.



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BON ACCORD, ALBERTA

BON ACCORD, A SMALL TOWN OF 1,500 RESIDENTS JUST 40 KILOMETERS NORTH OF EDMONTON, EMBRACES DARK SKY PRESERVATION TO PROTECT ITS PRAIRIE NIGHT SKIES. IN 2015, BON ACCORD BECAME CANADA'S FIRST DESIGNATED INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY COMMUNITY, EARNING A BRONZE-TIER STATUS DESPITE ITS PROXIMITY TO A MAJOR METRO AREA. THROUGH THIS DESIGNATION, THE TOWN AFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING THE NIGHT SKY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF CHILDREN AND STARGAZERS.



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FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA

DESIGNATED IN 2001 AS THE WORLD'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY PLACE, FLAGSTAFF HAS BEEN A GLOBAL LEADER IN NIGHT SKY PROTECTION. HOME TO LOWELL OBSERVATORY AND THE U.S. NAVAL OBSERVATORY FLAGSTAFF STATION, THE CITY HAS BEEN PIONEERING DARK SKY INITIATIVES FOR DECADES, BEGINNING WITH THE WORLD'S FIRST OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE IN 1958. THROUGH EFFORTS LED BY THE FLAGSTAFF DARK SKY COALITION, THE CITY CONTINUES TO PROVE THAT PRESERVING DARK SKIES CAN THRIVE ALONGSIDE URBAN GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.



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FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS

DESIGNATED IN 2020 AS AN INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY COMMUNITY, FREDERICKSBURG CONTINUES TO PROTECT ITS NIGHT SKIES FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE. LOCATED IN GILLESPIE COUNTY, THE CITY IMPLEMENTS LIGHTING PRACTICES THAT REDUCE LIGHT POLLUTION AND PRESERVE THE AREA'S DARK SKY CHARACTER, ENSURING THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN ENJOY THE STARS ABOVE TEXAS.



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HELPER, UTAH

HELPER, LOCATED ALONG THE PRICE RIVER IN CENTRAL UTAH, WAS DESIGNATED AN INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY COMMUNITY IN 2020. KNOWN FOR ITS STRONG COMMUNITY HERITAGE AND COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP, THE CITY CONTINUES TO IMPLEMENT RESPONSIBLE LIGHTING PRACTICES TO PROTECT THE REGION'S PRISTINE NIGHT SKY WHILE ENCOURAGING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND CULTURAL EVENTS.

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JELSA, CROATIA

DESIGNATED IN 2022 AS CROATIA'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY COMMUNITY, JELSA HAS TAKEN SIGNIFICANT STEPS TO PRESERVE ITS ISLAND NIGHT SKIES. THROUGH A MUNICIPAL WIDE RETROFIT OF OVER 1,000 FULLY SHIELDED PUBLIC LIGHTS AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS LIKE ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS AND LIGHT POLLUTION EDUCATION, JELSA ENSURED THAT ITS STAR-FILLED SKIES REMAIN A DEFINING FEATURE OF THE ISLAND OF HVAR.

JULIAN, CALIFORNIA



IN 2021, JULIAN WAS DESIGNATED AN INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY COMMUNITY, RECOGNIZING ITS LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING ITS CLEAR, DARK NIGHT SKIES. GUIDED BY THE JULIAN DARK SKY NETWORK, THE COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTS QUALITY LIGHTING PRACTICES AND PUBLIC EDUCATION TO MAINTAIN ITS NIGHT SKY HERITAGE FOR BOTH RESIDENTS AND THE MANY VISITORS DRAWN TO THIS MOUNTAIN TOWN.

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KETCHUM, IDAHO

KETCHUM, SITUATED IN THE SAWTOOTH MOUNTAINS OF CENTRAL IDAHO, EARNED ITS DESIGNATION AS AN INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY COMMUNITY IN 2017. BUILDING ON ITS FIRST OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE FROM 1999, THE CITY HAS FULLY COMMITTED TO DARK SKY PRESERVATION THROUGH UPDATED LIGHTING CODES, COMMUNITY EDUCATION, AND PARTICIPATION IN THE EFFORT TO CREATE THE U.S.'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY RESERVE IN THE NEARBY SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST.



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