



**CITY OF HUTCHINS
KEEP HUTCHINS BEAUTIFUL
AGENDA**

**Tuesday, June 09, 2026 at 6:00 PM
City Hall - Council Chamber, 400 N. JJ Lemmon Road**

Pursuant to Section 551 of the Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given of a Regular Meeting of the Building & Standards Commission Board to be held on Tuesday June 09, 2026 at 6:00 PM located at Hutchins City Hall Council Chambers, 400 N JJ Lemmon Road, Hutchins, Texas, at which time the following items will be discussed and considered.

Board Members

Chair, Desiree Francis
Vice Chair, America Rodriguez
Board Member, Kimberley Diaz
Board Member, Larocho Odom
Board Member, Elaine Hudson
Secretary, Gilbrianna (Brianna) Wadley
Historian, Tynee Sims-Rogers
Alternate - Open
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A. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS - *This agenda item provides an opportunity for citizens to address the Board on any matter that is not posted on the agenda. Anyone wishing to address the Board should complete a Citizen Comments Form and submit it to the recording secretary prior to the start of the Board meeting. There is a three (3) minute time limit for each citizen to speak. However, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board cannot discuss issues raised or make any decision at this time.*

D. CONSENT AGENDA - *All items presented in the Consent Agenda require no deliberation by the Board. Each Board member has the opportunity of removing an item from this agenda so that it may be considered separately.*

1. Approval of Minutes from April 14, 2026.

E. PRESENTATIONS

2. Discuss the post-R&B and Recycle event presented by W. Randle.

3. Houston Zoo's Plastic Reduction Efforts 5/27/26 - Training Update 1 credit hour - W. Randle.

F. REGULAR AGENDA - *As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Board reserves the right to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item listed herein.*

- 4. Discuss and consider the alternative project for July 2026 presented by W. Randle.
- 5. Discuss and consider the Fall Clean Sweep presented by W. Randle.

G. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

6. Park and Recreation Board FY2026 Initiatives

Back to School Bingo & BBQ August 1, 2026, TBD

Fall Festival October 10, 2026, TBD

Christmas Parade December 12, 2026, TBD

KHB FY 2026 Initiatives

Life is Beautiful in Hutchins Mural Painting, July 18, 2026, TBD

Fall Clean Sweep October 17, 2026, TBD

Yard of The Month (March - October)

H. ADJOURN

CERTIFICATION

I certify that a copy of the June 9, 2026 agenda of items to be considered by the Keep Hutchins Beautiful Board was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City's website, in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Posted on June 2, 2026 before 6:00 p.m.



Wanda Randle
Staff Liaison

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

The meeting location is wheelchair accessible from the front door. Request for special services must be received at least 48 hours in advance of scheduled meeting. For assistance, please call the office of the City Secretary at 972-225-6121 or email the City Secretary at colquin@cityofhutchinstx.gov



**CITY OF HUTCHINS
KEEP HUTCHINS BEAUTIFUL
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM
City Hall - Council Chamber, 400 N. JJ Lemmon Road**

A Regular Meeting of the Keep Hutchins Beautiful Board was held on Tuesday April 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM at Hutchins City Hall Council Chambers, 400 N. JJ Lemmon Road, Hutchins, Texas, at which time the following items were discussed and considered.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT

T Sims-Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and announced a quorum.

Present

- K. Diaz
- L. Odom
- E. Hudson
- G. Wadley
- T. Sims-Rogers

Absent

- D. Francis
- A. Rodriguez

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board member L. Odom gave the invocation, and Secretary G. Wadley led the pledge of allegiance.

C. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

D. CONSENT AGENDA - *All items presented in the Consent Agenda require no deliberation by the Board. Each Board member has the opportunity of removing an item from this agenda so that it may be considered separately.*

1. Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2026.

Motion was made by G. Wadley and seconded by L. Odom to approve the minutes from March 10, 2026. All in favor, motion passed.

Voting Yea: T. Sims Rogers, G. Wadley, E. Hudson, K. Diaz, and L. Odom.

Voting Nay: 0

E. PRESENTATIONS

2. Discuss R&B and Recycle presented by W. Randle.

W. Randle requested that the Board assist in promoting the upcoming recycling art contest.

3. Keep Texas Waterways Clean: Planning Successful Lake, River & Coastal Cleanups 3/18/2026 training update 1 credit hour-W.Randle.

W. Randle encouraged Board members to submit training hours to her or T. Goodley once completed. 6 training hours are needed each year to stay in compliance.

4. 2026 Keep Texas Beautiful Recognition Status presented by W. Randle.

W. Randle announced that the Board has been awarded Gold Star Affiliate status by Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) for FY2025.

F. REGULAR AGENDA - As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Board reserves the right to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item listed herein.

5. Discuss and Consider Life is Beautiful in Hutchins Mural Painting presented by W. Randle.

W. Randle advised that the mural project is more complex than anticipated, requiring multiple days to complete and exceeding the current KHB budget. She noted that if the Board wishes to proceed, she can submit a funding request for Council approval; if authorized, the project would be scheduled for FY2027. Additionally, she recommended relocating the mural from Sunrise Park to MLK Park.

In an effort to meet the KTB requirements, W. Randle suggested the Board pivot to a smaller interim project and encouraged the board to come to the next meeting with ideas for this alternative project.

G. Wadley motioned to change the mural from Sunrise Park to MLK Park and move in a new direction of a smaller project for July. L. Odom seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Voting Yea: T. Sims-Rogers, G. Wadley, E. Husdon, K. Diaz, and L. Odom.

Voting Nay: 0

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6. Park Board FY2026

Back to School Bingo & BBQ August 1, 2026, TBD

Fall Festival October 10, 2026, TBD

Christmas Parade December 12, 2026, TBD

KHB FY 2026 Initiatives

R&B and Recycle April 25, 2026, Hutchins Event Center

400 N JJ Lemmon Rd. 12 PM to 2:30 PM.

Life is Beautiful in Hutchins Mural Painting, July 18, 2026, TBD

Fall Clean Sweep October 17, 2026, TBD

Yard of The Month (March - October)

H. ADJOURN

Motion made by L. Odom and seconded by K. Diaz to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM. All in favor, motion passed.

Voting Yea: L. Odom, K. Diaz, E. Hudson, T. Sims-Rogers, and G. Wadley.

Voting Nay: 0

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE KEEP HUTCHINS BEAUTIFUL BOARD AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH DAY OF MAY 2026.

APPROVED:

Chair, D. Francis or
Vice Chair, A. Rodriguez

ATTEST:

Wanda Randle
Staff Liaison

Mission in Action: Houston Zoo's Plastic Reduction Efforts



Keep Texas Beautiful
May 27, 2026



Kristin Windle

Elephant Supervisor
Houston Zoo



Andrew Fischer

Vice President, Restorative Strategies
SSA Group



Colley Hodges

Sustainability Director
Houston Zoo

Plastic Free July



Houston Zoo Staff Participation

- What is Plastic Free July?
- Why should we participate?



Plastic Free July



Houston Zoo Staff Participation

Getting Started

2016- 12 staff

2017- 165+ staff and volunteers

2018- 275+ staff and volunteers

2019- 220+ staff and volunteers



Plastic Free July

Houston Zoo Staff Participation



- How do we motivate people to join in?
 - Cater to individual motivations
 - Team challenges
 - Share ideas
 - Make room for participation at all levels

Plastic Free July



What made Houston Zoo's staff participation so successful?

- Share successes; loud and proud.
- Find passionate people to lead.
 - Team mentors
- We are not looking for perfection. Small, consistent changes make a HUGE difference.
- Celebrate successes!
 - Remind people what they've already done.



Plastic Free July

Getting Started



Start with the Big 3!

Single use straws.

Single use water bottles.

Single use plastic bags.

- Start with a jumping off point.
- This is not all or nothing!
- Drive home the why.
 - Why are you choosing to participate?
- Plan for the future from the beginning.
- Follow up at the end of the month.



Collaborative Impact



- Retail and Culinary Partners for more than 25 years!

Key Points Today



- Learn how to approach sustainability procurement challenges within your operations.
- Understand how to initiate a discussion.
- Explore the collaborative process that can uncover innovative solutions.
- Learn how to build internal sustainability culture with your staff.

Our Network of Accounts



89

Partnerships

54

Bundled Retail +
Culinary Partnerships

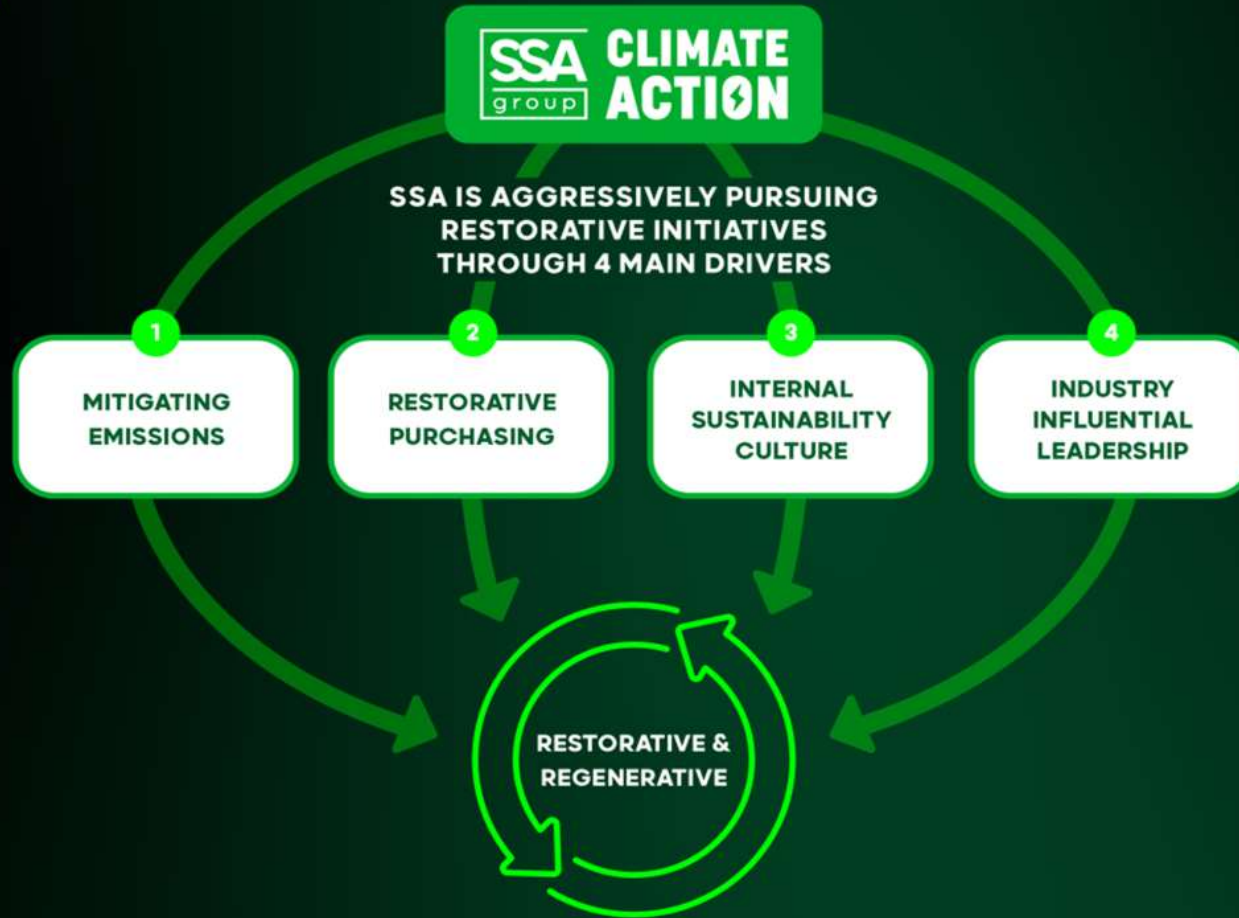
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Admissions
Partnerships

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Museum
Partnerships

WHAT DRIVES US?



Retail Solutions



KEY MOMENTS



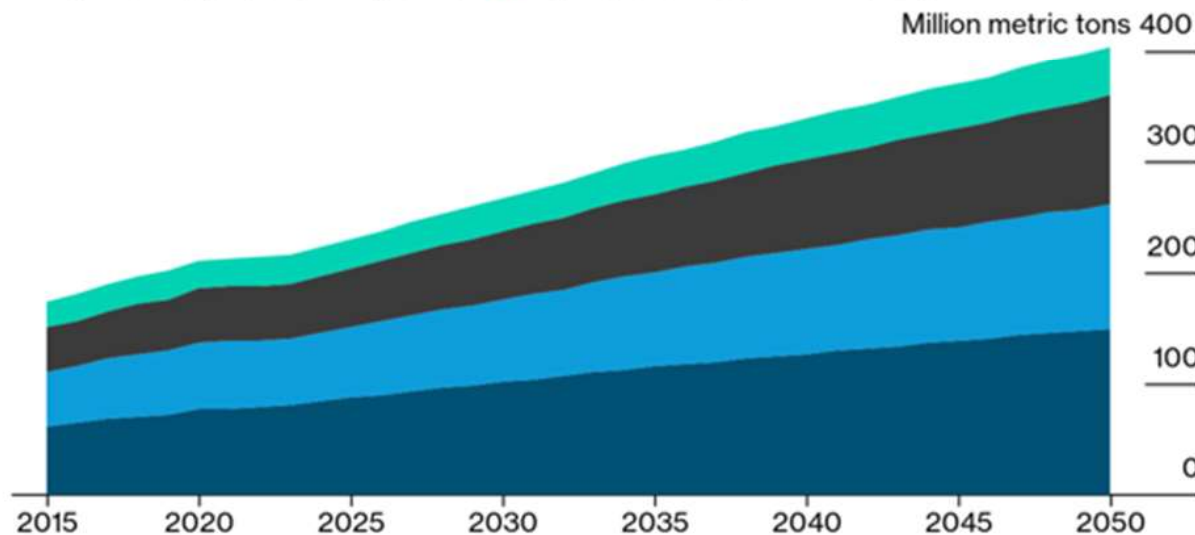
Plastics Impact



Insatiable Appetite

Demand for plastic could almost double by 2050

■ Polypropylene (PP) ■ Low-density polyethylene (LDPE)
■ High-density polyethylene (HDPE) ■ Polyethylene terephthalate (PET)



Source: BloombergNEF, Nexant.

Note: Shows outlook in BNEF's Economic Transition Scenario.

BloombergNEF

- 📍 The plastics industry expects global plastics production to reach 400 million metric tons by 2050.
- 📍 US produces the most plastic waste in the world.
- 📍 Each American discards and average of 287 pounds of plastic every year.

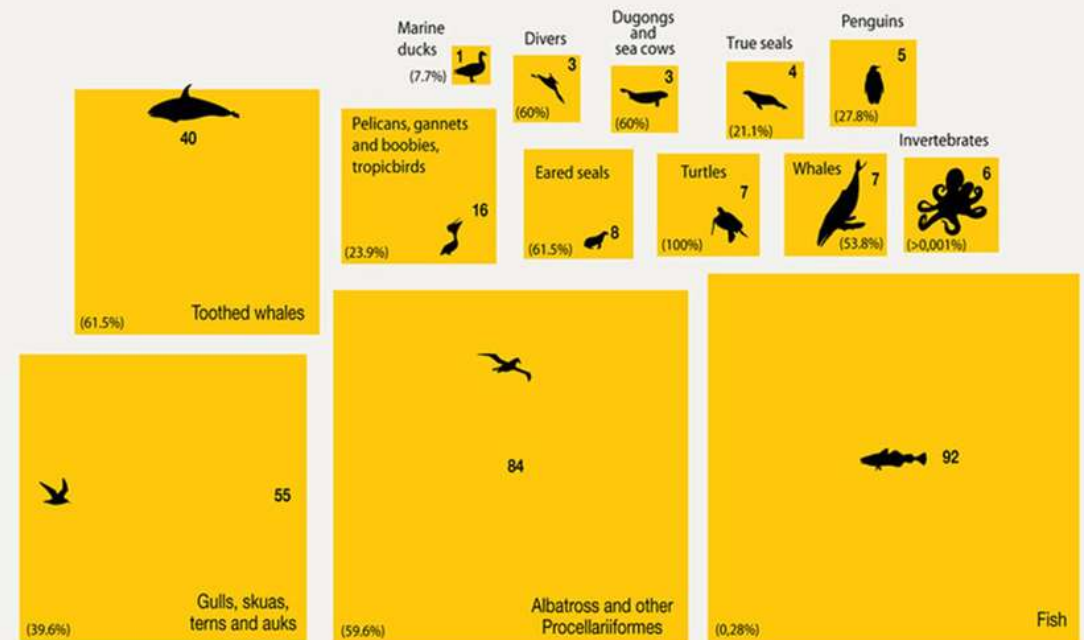
Species Impact



- Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI) found microplastics at 3,000 feet below sea level.

Plasticized animal species - Ingestion

Number of species with documented records of marine debris ingestion



Source: Kühn, S., et al., Deleterious Effects of Litter on Marine Life, in Bergmann, M., et al., Marine Anthropogenic Litter, Springer, 2015

Transforming the Industry



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SSA Group removes single-use plastics from Monterey Bay Aquarium

Company helps to provide sustainable retail for the West Coast aquarium

Words: [Adam Whittaker](#)
29th Mar 2022

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Transforming the Industry



Plastic Bags Now Extinct at the Houston Zoo!

This year, the Houston Zoo made a significant step for wildlife conservation by going plastic bag free thanks to our partner, Service Systems Associates (SSA).

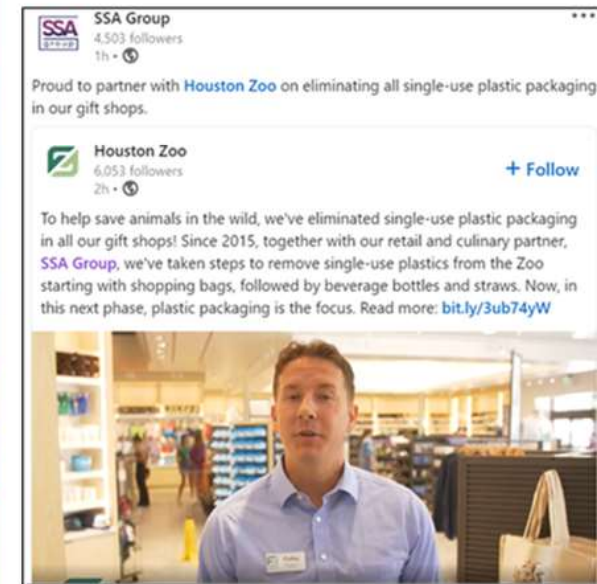
All Houston Zoo gift shops—run by SSA—now allow guests to choose to be completely bag-free, purchase a reusable canvas tote, or use a bag they've brought from home.

This move will keep an estimated 80,000 plastic bags from entering landfills and the environment each year. Plastic bags also endanger sea turtles and other marine animals, as the animals often mistake the plastic bags for sea jellies.

In conjunction with the move to becoming a plastic bag free organization, the Zoo released its first-ever comic book, "Saving Wildlife: Sea Turtle Edition." The comic focuses on a family visiting Galveston who finds an injured sea turtle that needs help, and also educates readers on the dangers of plastic bags in our oceans.



Our Saving Wildlife: Sea Turtles edition educates readers on how reducing plastic use helps save sea turtles in the wild.



Rethinking Packaging



Removed

Custom Zoo Animal Care Clinic removed plastic packaging and wrap on over **150K units**.

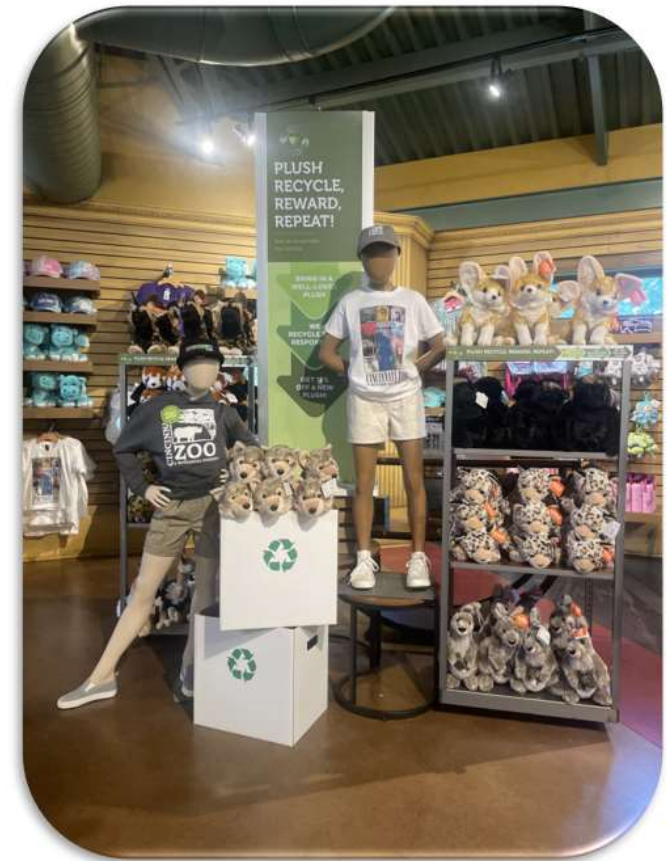
Reimagined

Redesigned packaging saved close to **1.5 tonnes of plastic** and **160K - AA batteries**.

Redesigned

SSA worked with hand-painted glass animal vendor to **remove all plastic packaging**.

Restorative Purchasing



Internal Sustainability Culture



Earth Day DIY Contest

Retail locations across the country competed in a do-it-yourself competition using recyclable materials to create fun and engaging displays. Educational information was also included.



Plastic Free July

Staff throughout our operations engage every year in Plastic Free July and the Eco-challenge in making sustainable personal commitments to reduce their use of plastics.

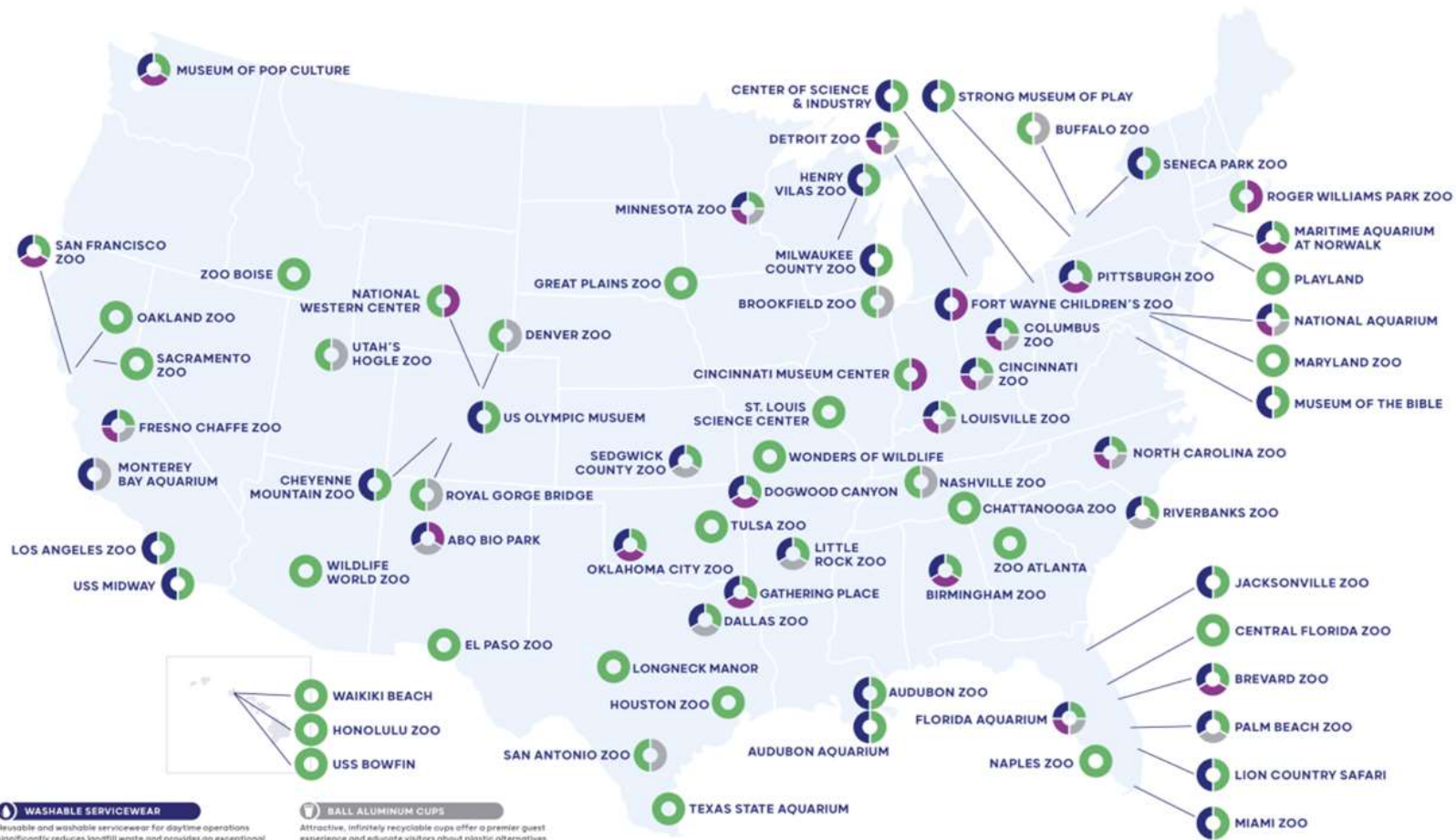


Clean-up Crew

Our Clean-up Crew over the years have participated in community action programs including beach, stream, recreation trail, and parks.

Culinary Solutions



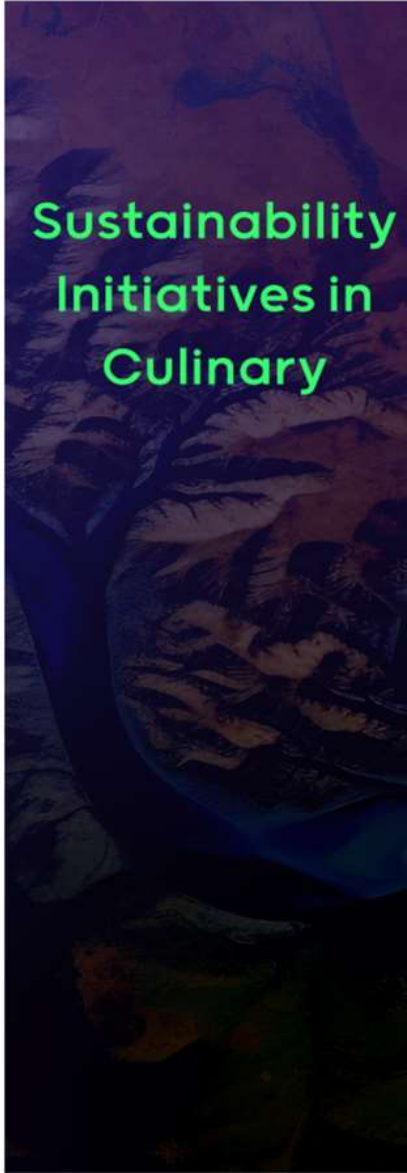


WASHABLE SERVICEWEAR
 Reusable and washable servicewear for daytime operations significantly reduces landfill waste and provides an exceptional visitor experience.
 37 accounts nationwide are offering this trash-reducing service.

BALL ALUMINUM CUPS
 Attractive, infinitely recyclable cups offer a premier guest experience and educate visitors about plastic alternatives.
 422,000 aluminum cups were issued to 23 SSA accounts in 2024.

COMPOSTABLE SERVICEWEAR
 When we need single-use items, we use compostable options wherever possible.
 13.1 million compostable pieces of servicewear were issued to 71 SSA accounts in 2024.

EDIBLE FOOD RESCUE
 We partner with community organizations to rescue edible leftover food from Catered events.
 Over the past 5 years, we have donated over 1.1 million meals served across 22 accounts nationwide.



Daily Operations



Alternatives to plastic

Moving away from plastic bottles to aluminum and paper-based options



Compostables

Composting food prep scraps at several locations, and opting for compostable serviceware when washable is not available



Local Partnerships

Our menus update with the seasons, and we are proud to source ingredients from local vendors and support the communities around us

Special Events



Partner Creativity



WOOD TOKENS

These reusable wooden tokens are made out of potato peels and wood fibers. More than just a token gesture, using them helps keep pollution out of our rivers, streams, and ocean.

Join us in switching to reusable alternatives.

Please return all tokens so we can use them again and again.

Industry Challenges



Packaging



Food Safety



Consumer Habits

Industry Guidance



Proud member
Seafood Watch
Restaurant Program



MANDATORY PROGRAM CRITERIA (ALL REQUIRED)

 <p>Only reusable foodware for onsite dining</p>	 <p>No expanded polystyrene use (aka Styrofoam)</p>
 <p>No plastic bags used for takeout or to-go orders</p>	 <p>Proper recycling practices are followed</p>
 <p>Paper straws provided only upon request</p>	 <p>Beverages are not sold in plastic bottles</p>
 <p>Single-use utensils, straws, condiments, and accessory items provided only upon request</p>	



Aquarium
Conservation
Partnership

Tracking Efforts



SSA Premium Dashboard



SUSTAINABILITY OVERVIEW DASHBOARD

- Overview Dashboard
- Benchmarking Dashboard

Welcome to SSA Group's Sustainability Overview Dashboard! This dashboard provides a snapshot of the sustainability culture and initiatives across SSA's partner organizations. Use the drop-down menus below to filter and explore the data. Enter the password to de-anonymize the data.

Enter Password

Annual Attendance
(All) ▾

81,333,000
Total Attendance

56
Partners Recycle

15
Partners Compost

38
Partners Do Beach or Park Clean Ups

30
Partners Have a Green Team

24
Partners Have Edible Food Rescue

39
Partners Use Washable Serviceware

31
Electric Kitchens

50
Partners Use Alternatives to Plastic Bottles For Water

Number of Sustainable Attributes by Partner

Number of Partners with Each Sustainable Attribute

Takeaways



- ***Recognize the challenges***
- ***Engage your vendors and partners***
- ***Be creative and innovative***
- ***Build momentum***
- ***Collaborate on goal setting***
- ***Utilize industry standards for guidance and resources***
- ***Educate and involve your staff***



Thank you!

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2017 Strategic Plan



Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles

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The growing challenges to the survival of wildlife and wild places necessitates a re-definition of the purpose of contemporary zoos and aquariums. Our new mission, vision and guiding principles form a powerful response to the challenges ahead, as the Houston Zoo looks toward its Centennial Anniversary in 2022 and beyond.



2017 Strategic Plan



Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles

Guiding Principles

- Be a zoo for all
- Provide exemplary animal care; assure animal welfare
- Deliver an outstanding, inspiring guest experience
- Be a workplace that provides staff development and instills empowerment, respect and teamwork
- Provide smart and fun education and learning opportunities
- Promote saving wildlife awareness and action
- Apply best business practices and sound financial management
- Inspire broad community support and collaborations
- Ensure safety for guests, staff and the animals in our care
- Operate sustainably to conserve resources; lead by example
- Change behaviors to help protect wildlife through engaging experiences that connect people



CREATE MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCES

Create meaningful experiences at the Houston Zoo that inspire our guests to take action to save animals in the wild. Engage guests of all ages in order to help them make informed decisions in their relationships with living animals and the ecosystems upon which all life depends.



OPERATE SUSTAINABLY TO BENEFIT THE ENVIRONMENT

Houston Zoo operations will be designed to minimize environmental impact, to conserve natural resources and to lead and inspire sustainability practices by guests, community organizations and businesses.

2017 Master Plan



20-year Phased Plan, Announced April 2017

MASTER PLAN, Overview, Cont.

SITE ORGANIZATION

The Houston Zoo's exhibits will be reconfigured and arranged to create distinct zones, thematically organized to illustrate biogeographic regions, providing opportunities for guests to experience encounters with animals in a naturalistic context. To the greatest extent possible, the animal communities, vegetation, geology and cultural elements in the exhibit zones will accurately reflect the habitat being represented, creating immersive environments with rich layers of interpretation.



GUEST CIRCULATION

The confusing web of pathways that Zoo guests now experience will be replaced by a simplified circulation system that will promote intuitive navigation. A clearly defined central main pathway will connect our two public entrances, and each experience zone will be explored via loop pathways that begin and end on the main pathway.



Katherine G. McGovern Texas Wetlands

Exhibit and Restaurant



Cypress Circle Cafe

Green Restaurant Certification



One of only **9** certified restaurants in Houston

STRATEGIES ADOPTED

- **No single-use plastics**
- Compostable plateware
- Energy and water-efficient equipment
- Chemical & pollution reduction
- Pre-consumer composting
- Post-consumer recycling
- Plant-based food options



Cypress Circle Cafe

Back-of-House Composting, Compostable Plateware



Single-Use Plastics Reduction

Timeline and Impact



2015: Bags



80,000 bags
eliminated per year

2017: Bottles



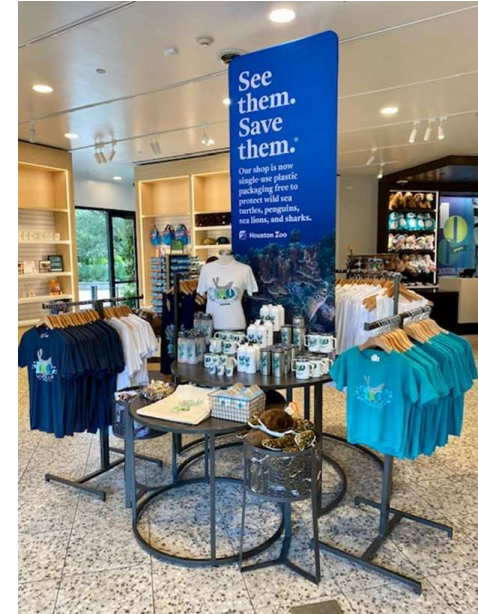
300,000 bottles
eliminated per year

2018: Straws & Lids



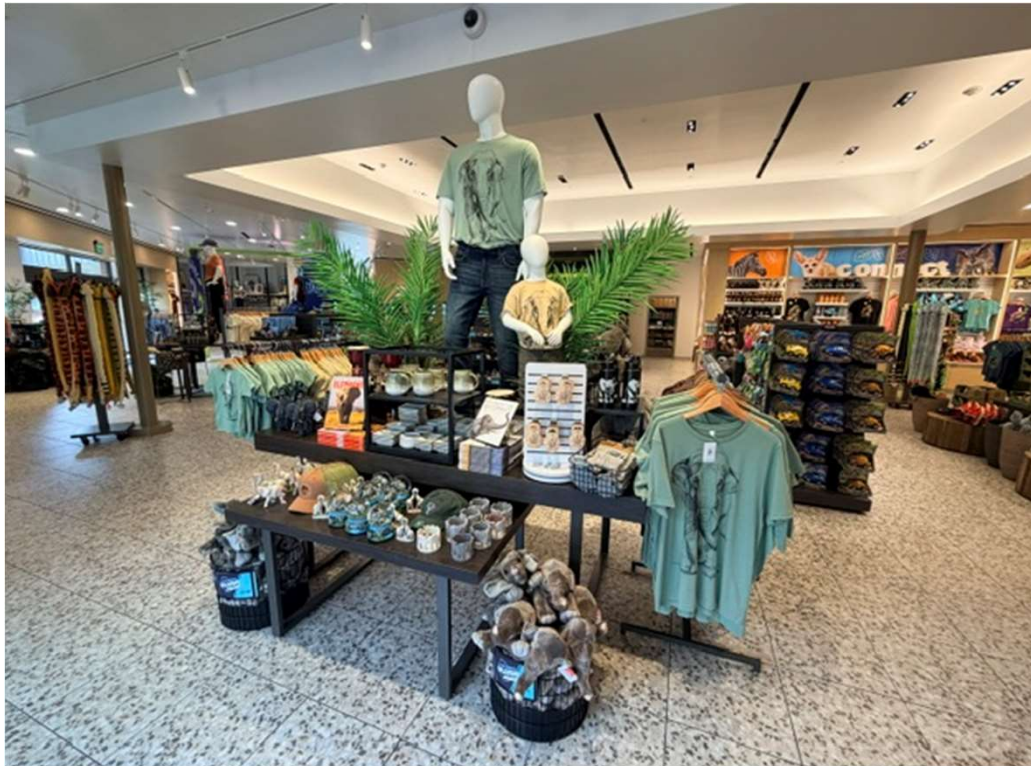
23,000 straws
eliminated per year

2022: Retail Packaging



Zoo Store

No Single-Use Plastic Packaging



Galapagos Islands Exhibit

Embedded Take-Action Message



Jack's Café & Reflections Event Center

Reduced Environmental Footprint, Including Dining



Easy and Hard Problems

Start with Low-Hanging Fruit



Houston Zoo's Identity

Mission Infused into Partnerships





Sustainability Action Plan



Operational Actions to Save Animals in the Wild

CONSERVATION

- ✓ SAFE: SAVING ANIMALS FROM EXTINCTION
- ✓ OTHER INITIATIVES
- ✓ CONSERVATION FUNDING
- ✓ FIELD CONSERVATION
- ✓ GREEN PRACTICES
- ✓ RESEARCH AND SCIENCE
- ✓ CONSERVATION EDUCATION

HOME / CONSERVATION / GREEN PRACTICES

Green Practices

AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums serve as conservation experts and are careful stewards of the natural resources utilized in their business operations.

AZA-accredited Zoo and Aquarium Green Practices

Every year, AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums provide information about their green business practices to AZA's **Green Practices** survey. Members use this database to report on relevant staffing, the sourcing of local food, reporting of greenhouse gas emissions to registries, and obtaining third-party green certifications. They also provide annual documentation and usage for:

- **Sustainability plans, policies, and related budgets**
- **Energy**
- **Fuel for transportation**
- **Waste**
- **Water**

Some of the green practices reported are publicly available; follow the link and learn more about the green business practices being implemented throughout the AZA community.

AZA Green Award

Leaders in greening their business operations are recognized with AZA's Green Award. Established in 2011, the AZA Green Award celebrates institution-wide programs that implement outstanding and/or innovative methods to reduce their business operation's environmental impact and **winning applications** are available for AZA members to read. [Read more about how to apply for the Green Award and to see a list of past awardees.](#)

English





Goals Overview

CLIMATE & ENERGY

Achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030 (Scope 1 & Scope 2)
Reduce Scope 3 carbon emissions by 10% by 2030

WATER STEWARDSHIP

Annually use no more water than falls on our campus
Install two green stormwater infrastructure projects by 2030

RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION

Achieve zero waste by 2030 (90% landfill diversion)
75% of purchased goods meet Sustainable Procurement Policy by 2030

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Build and commission two LEED certified buildings by 2030
100% of human-occupied buildings meet HZI sustainable building standards by 2030

ENGAGEMENT & AWARENESS

Maintain at least 20 LEED accredited staff members who help execute this Plan
70% or more staff report sustainability (saving wildlife) is part of their job by 2030

AZA Green Award

Top Honors for Sustainability Program 2024

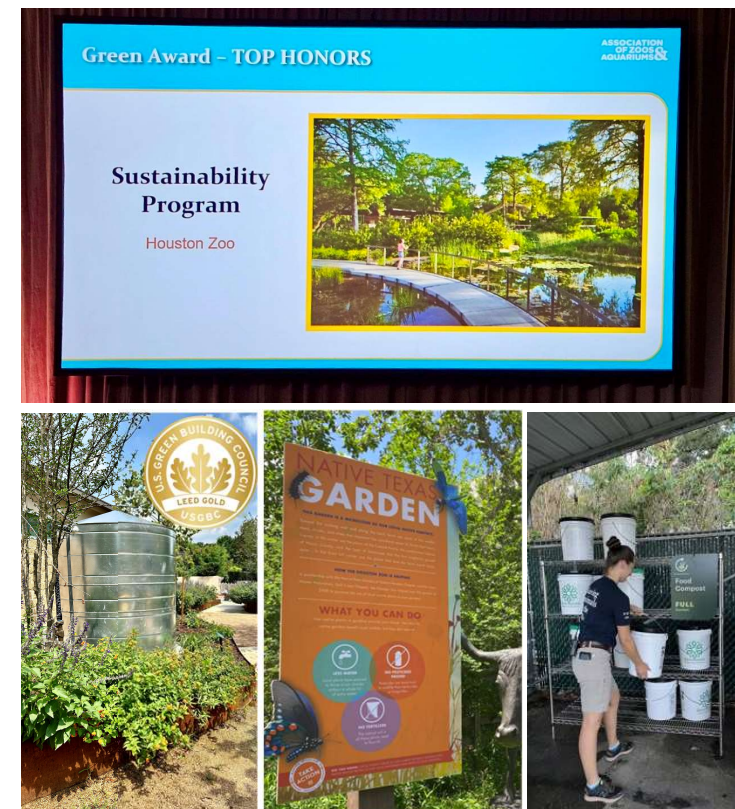


AWARD CRITERIA

Recognizes institution-wide green programs to reduce environmental impact from a business operations standpoint

AWARD SUBMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

- First two LEED Gold buildings
- **First U.S. zoo to eliminate food & retail single-use plastics**
- Strides toward 100% LED lighting zoo
- Two new rainwater harvesting cisterns
- Composting in restaurants and for special events
- Leader in small electronics and holiday lights recycling
- 30+ LEED Green Associates on staff



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