

Toronto Zoo Environmental Statement

Our vision is a world where wildlife and wildlife spaces thrive, it is critical for the future of our planet. We believe that minimizing our carbon emissions and protecting healthy ecosystems are the best tools to mitigate climate change and ensure a future for nature. Your Toronto Zoo is committed to sustainable development and responsible environmental practices in Zoo operations to help ensure a healthy planet for future generations.

We recognize our responsibility to act as a leader in environmental sustainability for the animals we care for and the community we serve by implementing innovative solutions to:

- Prevent pollution and carbon emissions with the goal of reducing our environmental footprint to net zero and improving ecological function;
- Use our resources (such as energy, water, and materials) efficiently with consideration towards biodiversity and wildlife conservation; and
- Work alongside our neighbours to build positive gains for the environment at the Zoo and beyond.

Using our Environmental Management System (EMS) we will measure our performance against clear objectives, ensure that all regulatory requirements and government commitments are met (and exceeded where possible), and we will continually strive to improve our environmental performance. Our progress will be audited annually and published in our Environmental Initiatives Report.

In the next five years, Toronto Zoo will:

- Promote environmental awareness, training and education for our staff, our guests, our suppliers, our partners, and the wider community;
- Ensure that all staff and our contractors are aware of the expectations of them to support Toronto Zoo's environmental sustainability commitments;
- Pursue the integration of green technology into new construction and renovations;
- Pursue renewable energy and resource efficiency (energy, water, and materials);
- Protect, manage, and restore natural areas of the site;
- Identify and implement practices and projects to support the objectives of the City of Toronto's TransformTO, The Ravine Strategy, and The Toronto Biodiversity Strategy;
- Reduce water consumption by 80% below 1990 levels;
- Divert more than 90% of waste from landfill;
- Implement a Green Procurement process with a focus on waste avoidance, efficiency, lifecycle impacts, and sustainable use of natural resources.

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Dolf DeJong
Chief Executive Officer

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