

## Toronto Zoo Environment First Policy Statement

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Toronto Zoo's vision is to be Canada's national leader in saving wildlife to ensure the rich diversity of nature for future generations. We are committed to practicing and promoting activities and action that benefit wildlife and the environment. To achieve our vision, we commit to sustainable development and responsible environmental practices in Toronto Zoo's operations to advance as a Canadian leader in environmental sustainability.

The Toronto Zoo recognizes its responsibility to act as a leader in environmental sustainability by implementing innovative solutions to:

- Prevent pollution;
- Use our resources (such as energy, water and materials) more efficiently with consideration towards biodiversity and wildlife conservation;
- Reduce our ecological footprint including our carbon footprint; and
- Build positive gains for the environment.

Our commitment will be met by understanding our environmental aspects and impacts from our activities and minimizing those impacts through the implementation of an Environmental Management System (EMS). Through this EMS we will measure our performance against agreed objectives, ensure that all requirements specified in law or government commitments are met and exceeded where possible, and that we continually strive to improve our environmental performances. Our achievements will be monitored and audited yearly, and published in our Environmental Initiatives Report.

In the next five years, Toronto Zoo shall:

- Implement the Toronto Zoo's Environmental Management System across all branches of operations;
- Promote environmental awareness, training and education for our staff, our visitors, our suppliers, partners and the wider community;
- Ensure that all staff and our contractors are aware of the expectations on them towards Toronto Zoo's environmental sustainability commitments;
- Pursue renewable energy and resource efficiency (energy, water and materials);
- Pursue the integration of green technology into new construction and renovations;
- Protect, manage and restore natural areas of the site, considering the goals and objectives of the Rouge National Urban Park;
- Reduce Toronto Zoo's water consumption by a further 10%;
- Increase waste diversion from landfill;
- Reduce and/or eliminate hazardous materials use and pollution;
- Put into place Green Procurement processes for purchasing with waste avoidance, increase efficiency and the reduction of lifecycle impacts.



John Tracogna  
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