



2022 Program Agenda

Save Texas Wildlife

We share our planet with countless incredible creatures, from the sea turtle on Padre Island to the bee in the meadow, from the fox in the forest to the butterfly in our backyard. Many are on the brink of extinction. It's up to us to protect endangered species and the habitats they call home. Environment Texas is working to:

- Convince Congress to pass the bipartisan Recovering America's Wildlife Act, which would provide Texas with \$50 million per year for wildlife restoration efforts
- Defend habitat for the endangered Golden Cheeked Warbler
- Get the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to require smaller commercial shrimping boats to use Turtle Excluder Devices like larger boats do to prevent accident catches
- Expand the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary to protect more of the Gulf of Mexico from offshore drilling and commercial fishing
- Reduce plastic waste by getting Whataburger to end its use of polystyrene and Whole Foods to eliminate all single-use plastic packaging

100% Renewable

For decades, we have had the power to harness clean, abundant energy from the sun and the wind. In 2022, it can be done more efficiently and cheaply than ever before. Yet we're still producing, consuming and wasting energy in ways that cause lasting damage to our environment and our health. We can have healthier communities right now and a livable future for generations to come — but to get there, we need to transform the way we produce and consume energy. Environment Texas is working to:

- Prevent the Public Utility Commission from assessing onerous and discriminatory fees on wind and solar energy
- Get Texas cities in the deregulated electric market to offer their residents a public option for renewable electricity
- Bring offshore wind to the Gulf of Mexico
- Get WalMart to put solar on all of its stores and parking lots



Million Acre Parks Project

Our population is booming and the park system can't seem to keep up. More often than not, our parks are too crowded, and it can take months to book a campsite. As our state grows rapidly, we're at risk of losing some of the state's most beautiful natural areas and the wildlife which call them home. Environment Texas is working to:

- Get the Texas Legislature to fund the acquisition of one million acres of state parks by 2030.
- Win voter approval of bonds in San Antonio and Fort Worth to protect open space and create parks

Texas Clean Air Project

We look forward to the day where all Texans can breathe safe and clean air, especially vulnerable populations like children and senior citizens. Despite progress in recent years, air pollution from petrochemical facilities, power plants, concrete batch plants and more causes thousands of premature deaths each year, as well as inducing a host of human health issues including asthma and cancer. Environment Texas is:

- Working to get the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to strengthen enforcement efforts against polluters who break the law
- Suing polluters, including ExxonMobil and DCP Operating, for violations of clean air laws
- Suing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to strengthen industrial flaring standards

Global Warming Solutions

As America's number one polluter (and the world's 8th largest, just behind South Korea), Texas is ground zero in the fight to stop catastrophic climate change. Texas has to be central to efforts to decarbonize. Environment Texas is working to:

- Ban flaring of methane gas from oil wells
- Close down polluting, coal-burning power plants including the Parish, Fayette and Spruce plants
- Move Texas off of fossil fuels

Clean Water

From taking a dip in the local swimming hole to the water we drink from the faucet, we all want our water to be safe, healthy and plentiful. Environment Texas is working to:

- Get Austin and other cities to require nature-based infrastructure, such as rain gardens and green roofs, to stop contaminated runoff from entering our creeks and lakes
- Get Texas school districts to protect kids from lead contamination of drinking water at schools by replacing fountains with filtered water bottle stations, and installing filters certified to remove lead at all other taps used for cooking and drinking.
- Get the EPA to restore Clean Water Act protections to all waterways



Destination Zero Carbon

Transportation is now America's number one source of global warming pollution, with greenhouse emissions from cars, trucks, buses and other vehicles surpassing every other source. We simply can't solve global warming without changing how Texans get around. Environment Texas is working to:

- Get school districts and transit agencies to switch to electric buses
- Get cities to make it easier for people to buy, drive and charge electric cars and bikes
- Boost funding for bike lanes, sidewalks and public transportation
- Stop the expansion of Interstate 35 through Austin
- Get electric vehicle charging stations installed at every state park

Energy Storage: Save It For Later

Completing the transition to 100% renewable energy will not only mean building out more solar and wind energy, but will also require the ability to store energy for later. Building out battery energy storage in combination with solar and wind will allow us to reap more renewable energy, while also building a more resilient and reliable grid that delivers clean power when and where we need it most. Environment Texas is working to:

- Get the Public Utility Commission to order electric companies to help pay to install batteries in homes, schools and businesses across Texas.

Save the Bees

Bees are dying off at an unsustainable rate, with serious consequences for our natural world. They play a vital role as pollinators, and losing them would have a devastating ripple effect across all ecosystems. That's why we're working to get:

- Cities and the state of Texas to expand bee habitats
- Amazon to stop selling bee-killing neonic pesticides