

# Sustainability Committee Agenda

Attendance Checklist:

✓	Carolyn Reichert – Chair		John Walls
✓	Lev Gelb – Vice Chair	✓	Evan Paret
✓	Craig Lewis	✓	John McCaskill
	Patrick Sarman		Mackenzie Hunter
✓	Eric Chen		Fred Traylor
	Deborah Reynolds	✓	Robin Russell
✓	Thea Junt	✓	Kelsey Lyle
	Calvin Jamison		JW Van Der Schans
	Rick Dempsey		Kim Rahebi
	Alex Holcomb	✓	Logan Harless
		✓	David (SG Rep.)

- I. Greetings
- II. Minutes Approval
- III. Facilities Management / Sustainability Office
  - a. Texas Recycles Day – Nov. 15
  - b. Tree Campus USA Recertification
  - c. RecycleMania Planning
  - d. Earth Week Planning
- IV. Discussion (around the table)



Figure 1 Texas Arbor Day Tree Planting



Figure 2 Student volunteers learning how to plant trees at the Community Garden during Viva Volunteer

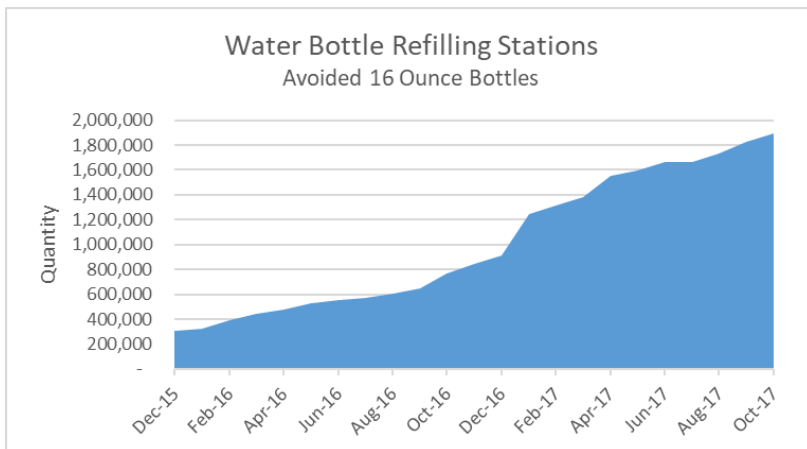


**Arbor Day Texas Event**  
**Friday, November 3**

**Trees Planted**  
**Over 20 Near VCB**

## 7th annual UT Dallas Earth Week

	Monday, April 17	Tuesday, April 18	Wednesday, April 19	Thursday, April 20	Friday, April 21	Saturday, April 22
7:00 AM						
7:30 AM						
8:00 AM						
8:30 AM						
9:00 AM					Tentative - On Campus Volunteer Activity	Garden Workday & Potluck (UT Dallas Community Garden)
9:30 AM						
10:00 AM						
10:30 AM						
11:00 AM						
11:30 AM				Earth Fair (SU Mall)		
12:00 PM						
12:30 PM						
1:00 PM						
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4:00 PM						
4:30 PM						
5:00 PM					To 'bee' scheduled: Three bee hive installations with Scott Rippel	
5:30 PM						
6:00 PM						
6:30 PM						
7:00 PM	Meteor Theater Cinematheque: An Inconvenient Sequel					
7:30 PM						
8:00 PM						
8:30 PM						



**Total Plastic Bottles Avoided**  
**1.89 Million**

**Equivalent Weight (lbs.)**  
Est. 0.07 lbs./16-ounce bottle  
**132,400 lbs.**

**How Many Stations**  
**36**

## Minutes

Start: 3:00 PM

- Attendance
  - Carolyn Reichert
  - Lev Gelb
  - Craig Lewis
  - Eric Chen
  - Thea Junt
  - Evan Paret
  - John McCaskill
  - Robin Russell
  - Kelsey Lyle
  - Logan Harless
  - David Terry
  
- Greetings
  
- Minutes Approval
  - Minutes approved.
  - There was no objection.
  
- Facilities Management / Sustainability Office
  - Texas Recycles Day
    - This will take place on November 15<sup>th</sup>
    - The Office of Sustainability will be coordinating with various offices and departments to collect and recycle Styrofoam #6 and Plastic Film.
  - Tree Campus USA Recertification
    - The Office of Sustainability is in the process of gathering information to submit a recertification application for Tree Campus USA.
    - The Arbor Day Texas Planting event was part of the Arbor Day observance that is included in the standards for certification.
    - Over 25 volunteers planted 22 trees on-campus.
    - <https://www.arborday.org/programs/treecampususa/>
  - RecycleMania Planning
    - The Office of Sustainability has submitted the online registration form for UT Dallas to participate in 2018's RecycleMania.
    - RecycleMania will take place from January to April 1<sup>st</sup> of 2018
    - A spreadsheet is being generated to track trash, recycling, and food waste.
    - Student Government may have interest in hosting events, activities, and/or other initiatives to raise awareness of recycling on-campus.
      - There was discussion on housing competitions. This included potentially a "House Cup" winner and/or having live or weekly updates of which campus housing buildings have contributed the most recycling to the recycling dumpsters.

- There was interest in promoting confidential paper shredding during RecycleMania to encourage staff and faculty to clean out their offices and storage rooms.
    - <https://recyclemania.org/>
  - Earth Week Planning
    - An early draft of April 2018's Earth Week calendar was provided on the agenda.
      - This included an Earth Fair, documentary showing, a volunteer activity, and a garden workday and potluck.
      - There was discussion on having a faculty member lead/facilitate a short 5-10-minute discussion on the documentary subject.
    - There is interest in having a faculty panel on sustainability related research.
      - To maximize attendance, partnering with the Office of Research was discussed as they would be able to assist in promoting the event.
    - Eco-Rep (Kelsey Lyle) has a meeting coming up with an organization involved with virtual reality.
      - The meeting will be to discuss what opportunities exist for an event during Earth Week that links a virtual reality experience to sustainability.
    - There is interest in a native plant scavenger hunt.
- Discussion
  - Two more water bottle refilling stations have been added at the Canyon Creek Housing locations.
  - There are a total of 36 stations throughout campus.
  - Usage of the water bottle refilling station has resulted in over 1.89 million 16-ounce water bottles avoided from the landfill since inception.
  - Three additional sustainability related courses have been pursued by faculty to integrate into the course inventory offered at UT Dallas.
  - There is interest in having the Eco-Reps provide a demonstration of how to construct and manage a small-scale vermicomposting bin.
  - During Viva Volunteer 2017, about 20 student volunteers participated in planting trees at the Community Garden and pull weeds at the Monarch Waystation.

End: 4:00 PM