



As part of the Get Green Columbus initiative, each year Mayor Michael B. Coleman honors three companies who have demonstrated excellence in business practices that produced environmental benefits; going above and beyond the requirements of the GreenSpot program. This year the GreenSpotLight will shine brightly on the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, The Table Restaurant and Green Scoop. This document describes the efforts each company took in 2014 in order to make the City of Columbus a healthier, more sustainable community.

Please consider becoming a member of the GreenSpot program for your home, business, school or community group online at [www.columbusgreenspot.org](http://www.columbusgreenspot.org). Interact and share your accomplishments throughout the year with our online community at [www.facebook.com/ColumbusGreenSpot](https://www.facebook.com/ColumbusGreenSpot) and on Twitter [@GreenSpotCbus](https://twitter.com/GreenSpotCbus).

## Congratulations

2014 GreenSpotLight Award winners:



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**Category:** Offices, Educational Institutions, & Nonprofits  
**Size:** Large business  
**Employees:** 300  
**Member since:** 2008



The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium has taken great strides in adopting sustainable practices. The Heart of Africa Mapori Restaurant is the only 4 star certified green restaurant in central Ohio. The restaurant employs many green practices such as: using reusable utensils, purchasing all Energy Star compliant appliances such as combination oven dishwasher, exhaust hood, ice machine, refrigerator, and water heater; 46% of the monthly food purchases are vegan; recycled content materials were used in construction including ceiling panels, chairs, décor, drywall, flooring, doors, and frames. To conserve and protect water the restaurant uses water efficient aerators, geothermal water tank, waterless urinals, low-flow toilets, and low water landscaping.

The Zoo has conducted energy audits on ten of their buildings and developed a plan to reduce energy consumption. The Zoo realized an 18.8% increase in recycling compared to 2013 levels. The overall landfill diversion rate for 2014 was a record 64%.

The Zoo is active in the community in educating and encouraging residents to adopt green actions. They collaborated with the Arctic Action Team on the *One Million Actions for Planet Earth*. They had 1,125 members who took 17,227 actions and raised \$3,227.25 for conservation projects at the Zoo and the community.

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**Category:** Restaurants, Grocers, and Retailers  
**Size:** Medium business  
**Employees:** 30  
**Member since:** 2014



The Table restaurant has a deep commitment to sustainability. That is why nearly all of their food is sourced locally. Taking steps to reduce waste is a priority. The Table uses the stems of vegetables for pickling, then garnish for Bloody Mary's. Produce not used in the kitchen is turned into tea or syrup for bar beverages or compote for baked or dessert items. They are participants in the city's Recycling on High program that has helped restaurants overcome barriers to recycle glass and other materials. Internal furnishings were repurposed from other lives; for example the kitchen and bar are constructed from a barn that was 100 years old, tables and chairs were collected from second hand sales and repurposed. To conserve and protect water they use a smaller water tank than most restaurants. To conserve energy they have installed energy efficient lighting. Together these steps have saved \$2,000-\$3,000 a month in energy costs.

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**Category:** Industrial and Commercial Businesses  
**Size:** Small business  
**Employees:** 2  
**Member since:** 2012



Green Scoop Pet Waste Recycling uses an innovative approach to turn pet waste into energy. They collect pet waste from residents and businesses and turn it into natural gas, electricity or fertilizer. Each month more than 3 tons of pet waste is diverted from the landfill by going to create energy. Disposing of pet waste properly also improves the community's waterways since the waste is a pollutant. Green Scoop travels green with their van powered by compressed natural gas generated, in part, as a result of diverted pet waste. Green Scoop continues to embrace sustainable practices in conserving and protecting water, conserving energy, and greening their transportation.