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Impact Report

RECLAIMED BAYOU: POTS FOR PLOTS

Where single-use plastic pots end up remains largely under-reported. Those of us in the green industry go through hundreds if not thousands of them each season. We rely on people in the nursery or recycling industries to process them appropriately. Others stockpile them in yards or storage containers waiting for the opportunity to recycle them. Whether it is on a large or small scale, plastic pots have become an industry-wide problem, with up to 98 percent of them ending up in landfills.

WHY FOCUS ON MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

The goal of the program is to provide better materials management and waste diversion at the grassroots and community level. This will create programs to remove materials from the waste stream via reuse, efficient recycling, upcycling, and other management options. Bayou Preservation sees community and local involvement in a circular economy as a mechanism to keep these items out of the greater Lower Galveston Bay watershed.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

15,173

Total Plastic Pots
Collected

9

Collection Sites
Held

24

Partners Benefited

Neighbors took action to protect our Bayous

I'm thrilled to report the overwhelmingly positive response to our Pots for Plots initiative, creating a local circular economy for plastic planting pots. At every collection event, employees, customers, and partners have praised the program for its contribution to cleaning our bayous. Enthusiastic inquiries about the program's return, extending collection periods, and even purchasing pots were common. Most exciting was the unanimous desire from all three groups for a permanent plastic pot collection site. This enthusiastic feedback not only validates our efforts but also fuels our commitment to creating a lasting, positive impact on our community and environment.



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POTS FOR PLOTS 2023 PLANS

PHASES

HOW

WHY

**Spring 2023:
Trial Run**

Target local plant nurseries to reach Houston community

- Only 1% of Plastic planting pots are recycled, annually.
- Plastic plant pots cannot be recycled through municipal systems.

**Summer 2023:
Wholesaler
Outreach**

Target wholesale nurseries as receiving partners

- Wholesalers are a large consumers of new plastic pots.
- Reuse of pots by businesses we can decrease plastic waste by stopping the need for new plastic.

**Fall 2023:
New site partner
outreach**

Target newer collection site partners for greater program spread

- Setting up more collection sites outside of plant nurseries creates a great chance to reach the community about the importance of plastic materials management.


We couldn't have
done it without your
generous *support.*


Thank you


- Plants for All Seasons
- Wabash Feed & Garden
- Joshua's Native Plants
- Daphodill Farms
- Quality Feed and Garden
- Dirt Bag Plants
- Houston Botanic Garden
- Native Plant Society of Texas,
Pines and Prairies Chapter
- Smith Nursery
- Las Brisas Nursery
- 5301.18a Arts & Culture Lab


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Houston conservation efforts,
community gardens, and BIPOC
involvement in agriculture programs.

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