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City of Houston Among Top Five to Win National Water Conservation Competition

The Wyland Foundation's 'Mayor's Challenge' Earns Houston SPCA's Wildlife Center of Texas a Toyota Highlander Hybrid for Rehabilitated Wildlife Releases

THURSDAY, NOV., 3 at 11:30 a.m.: Mayor Turner will receive the award and Houston SPCA and Houston SPCA's Wildlife Center of Texas President, Patti Mercer will be handed the keys to the 2022 Toyota Highlander Hybrid at the presentation (vehicle will be on-site).

HOUSTON (November 2, 2022) – Houston is among the top five cities in the U.S. to win [The Wyland Foundation's Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation](#) after the city of Houston submitted a [video](#) 'challenging' residents to make a pledge to reduce overall water waste by 60 million gallons; eliminate single-use plastic water bottles by 119,000 and reduce 3,700 pounds of hazardous waste from entering watersheds. The information was also shared with Houstonians through the online community board Nextdoor and social media.

Saving Wildlife: Part of the competition includes nominating a deserving non-profit from each winning city. Each non-profit then submits a grant application to the Wyland Foundation before the winners are gifted with a 2022 Toyota Highlander Hybrid. [The Houston SPCA's Wildlife Center of Texas](#), Houston's winning non-profit, will be presented the keys to the hybrid that will be used for their countless wildlife releases including sea birds, bald eagles, screech owls, squirrels, opossums, and many more species.

Remarks from Mayor Sylvester Turner, Wyland Foundation CEO, Steve Creech; Patti Mercer, President of Houston SPCA and Houston SPCA's Wildlife Center of Texas; Carol Haddock, Houston Public Works, Priya Zachariah, Chief Resilience & Sustainability Officer, City of Houston; Kevin Butt, Toyota Environmental Sustainability Director; Houston SPCA's Wildlife Center of Texas staff, volunteers and ambassador birds.

The four other winning cities include City of Laguna Beach, City of Palm Coast, City of Miramar and City of Sacramento. More than 1,200 mayors across the U.S. have participated in the Challenge since its inception 10 years ago.

The Houston SPCA's Wildlife Center of Texas is one of the nation's largest wildlife rehabilitation centers. They care for more than 12,000 ill, orphaned and injured wild animals from 270 species annually.

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